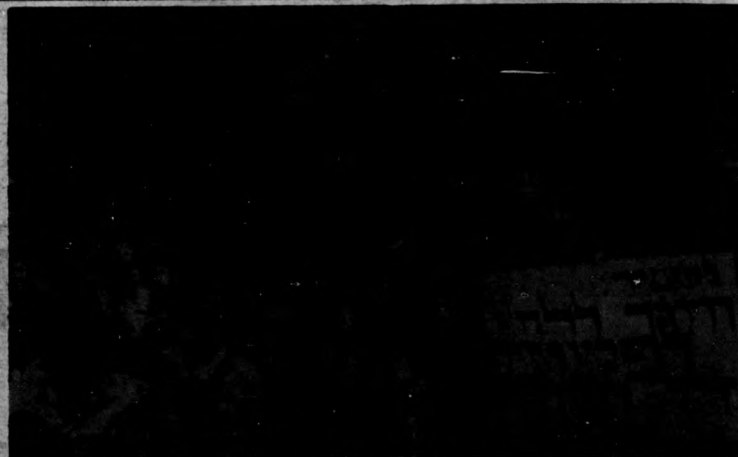


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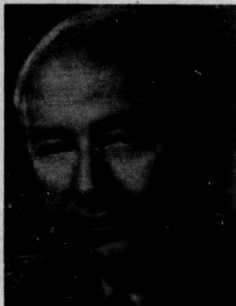
**DEMONSTRATIONS PART OF JERUSALEM LIFE** — Protests are not daily occurrences in Israel, but not too many days pass when there isn't a demonstration of some kind in Jerusalem. The large rally is that of Gush Emunim, the Orthodox, who want Israel to establish eight new colonies in the West Bank that Likud promised in its election campaign. The smaller demonstration is that of Peace Now, whose platform is well-known, calling for negotiations with the PLO.

## ADL to honor Thomas W. Binford

A testimonial dinner and presentation of the Americanism Award to Thomas W. Binford will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 30, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is honoring Binford for his many contributions in corporate and civic endeavors.

Binford currently serves as chairman of the Board of Asbury Management and Financial Corp. and Methodist Health Care Centers. He is chairman of the Crown Hill Foundation, Goodwill Industries and the Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership, Inc. He is also active with the United Way of America Resource Development Committee, Indianapolis Economic Development Council, Indianapolis Private Industry



Thomas Binford

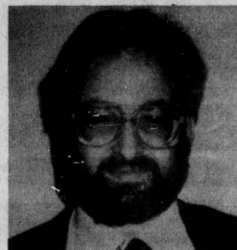
Council and the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

The keynote speaker for the award dinner will be Thomas Erlich, president of Indiana University. Chairmen for the event include Ramon L. Humke, Thomas D. Mantel, David H. Kleiman, Thomas M. Miller and Jeffrey H. Smulyan.

## Rabbi with paramedic skills is Methodist Hospital chaplain

Rabbi Lewis J. Weiss has been appointed to the Jewish chaplaincy position at Methodist Hospital. Originally from Philadelphia, Rabbi Weiss moved here in January from Cincinnati, where he was lived for the past several years. He was the director of the chaplaincy at the University of Cincinnati Hospital and the rabbi of B'nai Shalom Congregation. He holds a master's degree in counseling from the University of Cincinnati and was ordained in 1976 having graduated from Hebrew Union College.

His training in the areas of chemical dependency, bioethics and pastoral care as well as having been a paramedic for several years with the fire department, aid him in his current duties in the pediatric



Rabbi Lewis Weiss

intensive care unit, adolescent medicine department and neuro-science step down department.

Rabbi Weiss has also become a member of the Indianapolis Board of Rabbis and has been involved in a number of

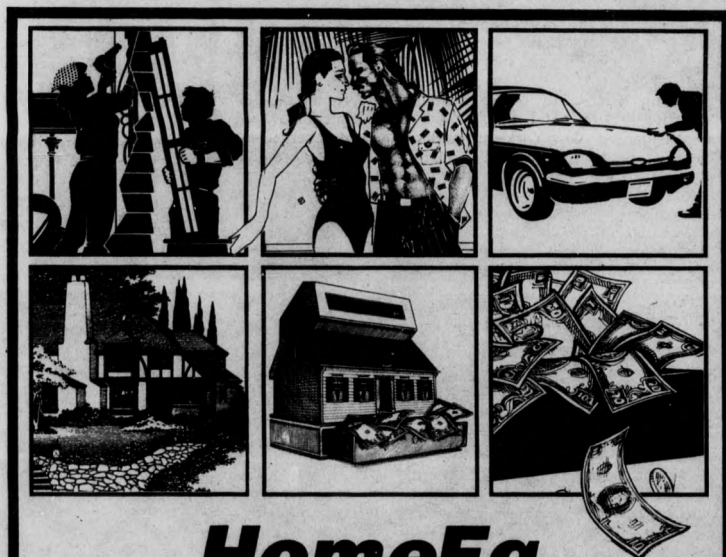
local activities. He is currently planning a Passover Seder service on April 18 for the patients, their families, the staff and administration at Methodist. "I'm hoping to be as helpful and involved in the Jewish community as possible" says Rabbi Weiss.

Rabbi Weiss' wife, Faedra, is also a rabbi. They have two children, Alexandra (6-1/2) and Marjorie (1). She is working on her Ph.D in rabbinics and ethics, at Hebrew Union College. She is an editor at the Hebrew Union College Press. They will soon be joining Rabbi Weiss to settle in the Indianapolis area.

## HAI announces Science Fair winners

The Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis has announced the following first place winners in its Science Fair, Feb. 28, in which 66 students participated with experiments ranging from smoking and lung capacity to forces affecting rocket travel.

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Barry Reiswerg  
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## Good tidings: from England to Australia

By GISELA WEISZ  
255 5019

**IT'S NICE TO KNOW:** When one writes for publication, there is a considerable pride taken regarding the distance that one's



written material travels. For a while now visitors to England looked up a one-time Hoosier, Rabbi Neil S. Kraft, who now has a congregation in a London suburb. News about this rabbi interests my readers, since he used to teach here at the Bureau of Jewish Education a few years back, and was known and liked by many people in Indianapolis. So I mention his activities now and then in this column.

Last week, Fay and Jules Dorfman, who are corresponding with Rabbi Kraft, and who visited him not

long ago, received a letter from him that started like this:

*Feb. 23, 1989—Dear Fay and Jules: I hope that this finds you both well and all is good. I don't know if I can adequately describe the joy and surprise I had when I saw Gisela's column in the Post and Opinion. I don't remember when it actually arrived, but I only opened it yesterday. I'm so far behind in my reading of US newspapers, it is not funny.*

*If you should see Gisela, would you please express my thanks for a boost to my ego. Also, we are 270 families and not 70 as she reported. Actually we are now 415 members plus 100 children — so I'm kept busy. . .*

*My dear Rabbi Kraft: You have boosted my ego as well, by your kind words. I am sorry for printing the wrong number — I probably had received the wrong information — and now you, Rabbi Kraft and your entire congregation of 415! (I got it now) have my greetings and all my good wishes! Hope to hear from you again!*

**IN THE FAMILY:** Carol, Jerry and Michelle Steinfeld attended a family reunion on March 11 in Chicago's Fairmont restaurant. Among the relatives were Kata and Max Groisman, who came from Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**CELEBRATION:** On Friday evening, March 3, a surprise 50th birthday party was given at Broadmoor Country Club for Josalie Epstein Leventhal. Hosts were her husband, Lee, and her three children, Dori Moskowitz, David Moskowitz, Louisville; and Evan Blattner of Purdue University. After a delicious dinner, the three children sang a song especially written for the occasion. The hosts of the party were truly pleased that everything came off just as planned and the event was truly a surprise.

Along with the hosts were Josalie's husband, Lee, a transplanted New Yorker; Josalie's brother, and the Post's entertainment columnist, Charles Epstein, his wife, Chris; Jeff Abrams, Rita and Leonard Berman, Margie and Dick Klapper, Harriet and Ben Lawrence, Brenda and John Larlapiano, Ruth and Michael Smith

and Marlene and Buzzy Wohlfield.

**NUPTIALS:** Congratulations to former Hoosier Ann Frisch, who had her wedding in Houston, Texas on Feb. 25. Her husband is Houston businessman Jerry Sud.

**DANCIN':** The sisterhoods of Indianapolis had a joint meeting in the B'nai Torah Synagogue on March 8. Nearly 200 women attended the dessert luncheon. Presidents of the five sisterhoods, Ann Calderon, Etz Chaim Congregation; Barbara Santemaria, United Orthodox Hebrew Congregation; Marcia Sklare, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck; Joanne Engelberg, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation; and Cindy Pakula, Congregation B'nai Torah spoke. The "Dancin' Unlimited" troupe of 30 women dancers, all past 30 years old, performed four modern dance numbers to entertain guests. The ensemble — formed by a group of women who all like to — will perform again at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, for Hadassah, at the new Westin Hotel. Terri Schildcrout and Maxine Pintchuck are part of the group.

**CHAMPION:** Bernard Hasten, son of Simona and Hart Hasten, represented the U.S. Maccabiah team in Sidney, Australia. The women's team at tennis took the gold. The number one seed of the women's team took the individual gold at the singles tournament. Bernard was part of the American men's tennis team that took the bronze. Bernard was in the top 16 among 32 athletes who were part of a group of 50 that went to Australia together in the first week of January.

**MILE HIGH:** Ann and Irving Moschel returned from Denver, Colo., where they helped to celebrate the birthdays of two of their grandchildren. Shane Grant was 9 and Corey Blake was 5 years old.

They are the children of Beverly Moschel Hirsekorn and her husband, Robert Hirsekorn.

The third child in the family is Cortney Parge.

Ann and Irving spent the middle of February in Denver with their children and grandchildren.

**SOUTHERN EXPOSURE:** Tracy and Richard Gonon just returned from a week's vacation in sunny St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

**MA NISHTANAH?:** About 150 people attended the Interfaith Passover Seder at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church on March 13. Rabbis Dennis Sasso, Jonathan Stein and Bradd Boxman, along with Cantors Janis Roger and Robert Zaklin conducted the Seder. After the Seder service, Rabbi Sasso showed slides

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FLASH! Chuckles. It's strange, when the president does better with all that advice he gets from the newspapers ... AND ... A co-ed college is where girls go for facts and boys go for figures ... AND ... The Sales clerk said, "You make a small deposit, then pay no more for six months." The customer yelled, "Who told you about us?" ... AND ... The mint makes it first and it's up to us to make it last ... AND ... Thirty years ago, Herbert Hoover promised 2 cars for every garage. But we're getting closer. We got 2 cars for every parking space.

FLASH! Congrats to a swell guy, Dr. Irwin Malament, who was invited by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), Princeton, N.J. to be a judge for the National Board podiatry Examination, Part II, March 3-5. This exam, taken by 4th year students at the colleges, which they must pass, is used by State Licens-

ing Boards. Purpose of the exam and judging is to determine the minimally competent physician to license. It's an honor well deserved by Dr. Irwin.

FLASH! Congrats to Stewart Cohn (Babs and Allan) and Coleen Bossert, who tied the knot on Sunday, March 12, at the Marott. Congrats to the Cohn and Bossert families!

FLASH! Daffy-nitions. (Sufficient)-A word to the wife is rarely sufficient. (Million)-In national affairs, a million is a drop in the budget. (Pint)-2 pints made one "cavort." (Nursery)-The bawl-room. (History)-Something that never happened, written by a man who wasn't there. (Installment plan)-Women who get their clothes this way, will always be dressed on time. (Janitor)-The only man who makes a quick clean-up on Wall Street and gets away with it.

FLASH! Mazeltov to Sam

Frankovitz, who will be celebrating his 90th special birthday on Sunday, April 2, at a lovely brunch at Broadmoor. Hosting this wonderful affair are Harry and Hencha Frankovitz and Helen and Jack Dubow — his children. Family, all the way to great-grandchildren, and wonderful friends, will be on hand to sing happy birthday to Sam. A great "simcha!"

FLASH! Cute newspaper headlines. "Father of 9 fined \$100 for failing to stop." ... OR ... "Escaped Leopard believed 'spotted.'" ... OR ... "Text-book writer has appendix removed."

FLASH! Back at her favorite stand at Shapiro's is our own Florence Rammelsberg, after a wonderful visit with her daughter Judy and family in Hollywood, California. Florence mingled with the Hollywood crowd, since Judy's business is in that area, and grandson Jeffery is associated with USA and writes in the entertainment section. Florence was invited to Sammy Davis' home for lunch and proudly displays snapshots taken there with Sammy and also with his lovely wife. Nice having you back home, Florence.

FLASH! Congrats to Jack Meshulam who celebrated his social security birthday several days ago. Happy birthday, Jack ... FLASH! Norm's philosophy of the week. You can live longer if you cut out all the things that make you want to live longer.

FLASH! One of the reasons that Shapiro's Deli has the great reputation for having delicious and fine food, is because of a charming young gal, Alean Kerr, who has been with Shapiros for 46 years, both north and south sides. Stay as pleasant and wonderful as you are, Alean.

FLASH! Don't blame Amos Nahmias for beaming (kvelling) as he watched his nephew, Brian Jacobson, make the very difficult 4-5 split at the B'nai B'rith Bowling League. Great shot, Brian!

FLASH! Tee Hee signs. (Sign in department store) Bath towels for the whole 'damp' family. (Sign in cafeteria) Barely soup. (Sign in grocery store) Try our special 'Swiss cheese. 24% less calories and that's the 'hole' truth. (Sign in theatre lobby) Now casting — girl to sell popcorn. (Sign in health store) Get on the 'bran' wagon.

FLASH! SURPRISE! SURPRISE! And so was Jody Kaseff (Larry and Rochetta) surprised at a terrific party at Noble Romans, with 25 friends, on her 14th birthday. Then on to a movie and all

were invited back to Jody's home, where mom served ice cream and cake. Happy birthday, Jody!

FLASH! Just for laughs. Att. Lawyers. — Is it true that a deaf mute cannot be convicted because the law says you cannot convict a man 'without a hearing' ... OR ... They couldn't afford a rising orchestra pit, so they made the musicians stand up slowly ... OR ... You can always tell the people who are substituting candy for smoking. They're the ones who grind out the wrappers with their feet.

FLASH! Celebrating a March birthday are Dave Ep-

stein, Bob Rifkin, Manuel Kaseff, Howard Friedman, Steve Nahmias, Dave Silverman, Sherri Lipp and Frank Schwartz. And special happy birthday greetings to my nephew, Stephen Weisman, who will celebrate on March 28.

FLASH! A San Francisco man gave his nine-year-old daughter \$10 for her birthday so that she could open her first bank account. She was filling out the bank application when she came to the line asking the name of her former bank. In big bold letters, she wrote: "PIGGY."


## Hebrew Academy taking applications

Enrollment at the Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis is now open for the 1989-90 school year. Applications are being accepted for new and current student with scholarships available to those who qualify.

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## LOOKING backward

### 5 years ago this week

A proposal by Mark Lorber of Carmel, Ind. for a new international program aimed at removing drivers from the streets and highways who are under the influence of alcohol was adopted by the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

Indiana senators and elected officials have received a letter from Beth-El Zedeck congregation opposing the Prayer in Public Schools Constitutional Amendment.

Professor Yossef Rom, a leading Israeli aeronautical engineer and a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee of the Knesset will visit Indianapolis on behalf of the State of Israel Bonds.

### 10 years ago this week

David Fogle, president of B'nai Torah Congregation, said that future construction of a synagogue on a site at 6510 Hoover Road would have to wait until the land is secured and until money to build a new structure is raised.

The 1964 Jewish Welfare Federation campaign reached the \$300,000 plateau at the drive's official kick-off at Broadmoor Country Club.

The Indianapolis chapter of Hadassah will hold its March 25 meeting at the Governor's Mansion.

### 25 years ago this week

Dr. Morton E. Tavel was

installed as charter president of the newest unit of the American Friends of the Hebrew Union.

The B'nai B'rith Girls marked the 50th anniversary of their organization with a weekend of special events.

Members of Congregation B'nai Torah were asked to write West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt that the Statute of Limitations on War Crimes not be instituted.

### Lafayette Chit Chat By CYRELE

State champ! Eli Garfinkel, the son of Professor Allen and Sonya Garfinkel has won the state American Legion oratory contest. The annual contest centers on the United States constitution. This year's topic was "The Price We Pay," and deals with our responsibilities under the constitution. Competition within the state was held at the high school, district, regional and state levels. Eli will continue to compete at the national level starting April 10, with the finals slated for April 14. He has already won over \$2,000 in scholarships and is competing for an additional \$20,000.

Eli, who is a West Lafayette high school senior, is the assistant administrator of the Lafayette Community Religious School and often leads Shabbat services at the Sons of Abraham Shul. He was also recently elected president of the shul youth group and was selected by the Lafayette Exchange Club as its "Student of the Month" for his general excellent academic achievement and extra-curricular activities.

### Gisela

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he took during his trip to the Soviet Union and Rabbi Stein gave a talk describing differences he saw in the Soviet Union between his first trip, September 1986, and his recent trip in January.

Participating in this Seder were Elaine Arffa, Esther Fischman, Marcia and Marvin Goldstein, Shirley Halpern, Bess and Maurice Kaufman, Rosalie and Ted Kaplan, Zel Sax, Rejane Wohlfeld and others.

## bouquet of the week

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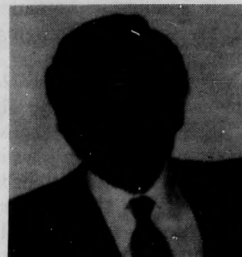
## Melvin Simon

Our Bouquet of the Week winner for this week is Melvin Simon, founder of Melvin Simon & Associates, Inc. Simon was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was graduated from the Bronx High School of Science and the City College of New York. Simon began his career in the real estate field with the Albert Frankel Co., after his completion of service in the Army.

In 1960, he left Frankel to found Simon & Associates, Inc. with his brothers, Herbert and Fred. The name Simon soon became synonymous with shopping center development. Simon is now ranked as the nation's largest shopping center manager and as the country's second largest shopping center developer.

Melvin Simon also has various business interests beyond real estate development. These include a chain of direct diamond importers, a licensed activewear manufacturer, a computerized ticket operation, a professional basketball team — the Indiana Pacers, and motion picture productions with "Love at First Bite," "Uforia," "My Body Guard," "The Stuntman," and "Porky's" carrying the Melvin Simon Productions label.

Melvin Simon has also been an avid supporter of professional and community groups. He is a trustee of the Urban Land Institute and a trustee of the International Council of Shopping Centers. He is a board member of United Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy Association, "500" Festival Associates, Fort Lauderdale Boys Club and the Jewish Federation. He also serves on the Dean's Council for Indiana University. Melvin has recently joined the advisory board of Wharton's Real Estate Center at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He was named "Man of the Year" in 1980 by the Jewish Welfare Federa-



Melvin Simon

tion. He received an honorary doctoral degree from Butler University and was also the recipient of the Horatio Alger Award in 1986. Melvin and his wife, Bren, have five children.

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## Attacking intermarriage

It is time for the national Jewish community to apply whatever strengths it has to the problem of intermarriage.

The answer to the problem is for more young Jews to meet Jews of the opposite sex. Although intermarriage will always be a constant of Jewish life, it flourishes where young Jews cannot have contacts with young Jews of the opposite sex.

So the need is to add to what small steps in that direction are now taking place—the singles groups in most large Jewish communities and a few efforts such as singles trips to Israel and abroad and on cruises, etc. But this is a piecemeal approach and what is needed is a national well-organized systematic program that will involve those who know most what is going on—our rabbis. The children of their members are intermarrying and the rabbis are the first to know.

But it is a national lay body that must take over and put into effect orderly plans for making it possible for our young people to get to know one another.

At one point a national Jewish body interested in following through on the young people in their organization announced plans, which never were implemented, for a computer setup. That may be the first step.

At present there are regional singles weekends, and of course many Jewish weekly papers publish ads from those seeking partners, companions, whatever, with the eventual goal of marriage. But this is like using a rifle to challenge a tank.

So the first step is to call a national meeting to lay plans to counter the growth of intermarriages.

Just a few samples of what might be done:

No unmarried Jew moving from one community, or graduating from university and not returning to his home community should not be welcomed warmly into the Jewish community to which he is headed.

The federations should not only take supervision of singled groups, but should also subvent them so that there are continual activities throughout the year.

The rabbis need to get involved. They might follow the pattern for late Friday night service for singles that has drawn thousands to them in Washington, D.C. There might even develop congregations made up only of singles, just as there are today congregations of only homosexuals, some even having been admitted into our national rabbinical movements.

Since the most successful organizations in the Jewish community today are Hadassah, the national Council of Jewish Women, the Sisterhoods, etc., why should not they take leading roles in combatting intermarriage? It's an ideal marriage, mothers of our young people engaged in making possible what every Jewish mother wants—their children to carry on the faith.

The possibilities are endless.

But unless some organization steps up to take on as a major part of its program the hit and miss way in which the community is responding will ensure that what is happening in Denver—70 percent intermarriage—will become the norm.

If one were to catalogue what the Jewish commu-

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Lou Bunis, our subscriber in Longboat Key, Fla., has sent us reproductions of pages from the current issue or previous issue of Keeping Posted, the publication of the Reform Movement, which when we wrote to express to him our appreciation we told him we read Keeping Posted and had seen the article he was referring to. We explained that we had covered the "birth" of Bat Mitzvahs a number of times, since we knew Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan (we were on the program together at Wildacres in the early 1950s) and had affection for one another.

But now that I think about it, many of our readers will find the account interesting—it is well-written—so while we're in Israel you can enjoy reading it.

By JUDITH KAPLAN EISENSTEIN

It was a sunny day early in May of 1922. My two grandmothers, rocking gently in chairs provided for their especial comfort in our house, communed in Yiddish. Their conversation was not intended for my ears, but since Grandma Rubin was slightly hard of hearing, and since both were moved by intense emotion, I could eavesdrop without any difficulty.

"In-law," said my mother's mother, "talk to your son. Tell him not to do this thing!" "Mahateineste [in-law]," said Grandma Kaplan, "you know a son doesn't listen to his mother. You talk to your daughter. Tell her to tell him not to do this thing!"

And what was this terrible deed which my father was about to perform, and which they both sought uselessly to prevent? He was planning to present me in public ceremony in the synagogue as a Bat Mitzvah.

The synagogue was the newly founded Society for the Advancement of Judaism. It had held services for only a few months when this new and dire occasion was contemplated. I was midway between my twelfth and thirteenth birthdays. At the time of my twelfth birthday, the age at which Jewish law recognizes a girl as a woman, subject to the *mitzvot* (commandments), there had been no synagogue where such a ceremony could be conducted. This was my father's first opportunity to put into practice one of the basic tenets of his then yet unnamed philosophy of Reconstructionism, namely, the equality of women in all aspects of Jewish life.

It would be less than the whole truth to say that I was as full of ardor about the subject of this ceremony as my father was.

Oh, to be sure, I passionately espoused the cause of women's rights. Let us say that I was ambivalent (a word that had not entered the common vocabulary at that time), being perfectly willing to defy the standards of my grandmothers, pleased to have a somewhat flattering attention paid me, and yet perturbed about the possible effect this might have on the attitude of my own peers—the early teenagers (that word, too, was not yet in the vocabulary), who even then could be remarkably cruel to the "exception," to the non-conformist. In addition, there was the slightly unnerving fact that Father hadn't, by May 5, decided exactly what form this ceremony was to take—and it was Friday, *erev Shabbat* (Sabbath eve).

Everything else was in readiness. Invitations had been sent to family and friends for a party in our home on *motza-ey Shabbat* (the evening following Sabbath). I had asked only one or two close friends in addition to my fellow members in the Yarmuk Club (a Hebrew-speaking club of girls who met in the Central Jewish Institute each week under the marvelously wise and understanding leadership of the late Dr. Jacob S. Golub). The "club" could be depended on for sympathetic support, regardless of their precocious propensity for questioning all religious observances.

Everything was in readiness except the procedure itself. On Friday night, after Shabbat dinner, Father took me into his study and had me read aloud the blessings which precede and succeed the Torah readings. How severely he corrected my diction! (We still used the Ashkenazi pronunciation of the Hebrew, and I can remember saying *ho-olom* instead of *ha-olam* (the universe). He then selected a passage from the weekly portion, the magnificent Holiness Code from the *parasha* (portion) *Kedoshim* (Leviticus 19), which I practiced reading in both Hebrew and English.

The following morning we all went together, father, mother, disapproving grandmothers, my three little sisters and I, to the brownstone building on 86th Street where the Society carried on all the functions. Services were held in a long narrow room which led into a wider and more spacious one. In the wider room was the *bimah* (platform) with the Ark. The men of the congregation sat in that room and up one-half of the narrow room. Women's rights or

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# Eban faults U.S., urges continuing PLO dialogue

JERUSALEM — The United States was challenged for not proceeding in depth with the dialogue with the PLO by none other than former Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

In a long article in the March 6 edition of The Jerusalem Post he wrote:

"While the U.S. government has reacted to the PLO

moves in a more balanced and lucid way than our own, it has not fully used the new opportunities. Once the U.S. took the dramatic step of accepting a Palestinian dialogue, it is hard to see the sense of maintaining it on an artificially low level and frequency. With all respect to the discussion of violent episodes, the real value of



Abba Eban

## Israel another Vietnam, columnist Uhlmann says

KANSAS CITY — A scenario similar to Vietnam, Iran, Nicaragua is being repeated in Israel, it was charged by R. Hugh Uhlmann, columnist for the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle.

"In the United States," he wrote, "there is a large peace movement headed in part by the Tikkun magazine. Michael Lerner, its editor, in an op-ed column in the New York Times attacked the Jewish leadership and 'establishment' organizations, such as the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith and American Jewish Congress. The point he made is that the 'organized Jewish community' has stifled the voices of those who are appalled

by Israel's brutal repression of the Palestinian uprising."

Uhlmann then asserted that "It is this type of activity which is designed to put pressure on Israeli leaders, democratically elected, to enter into negotiations without proper safeguards. It is the group of leftist intellectuals who would be perfectly willing as sort of an experiment to conclude a peace prematurely with the Arabs which could have disastrous results. Judging from their past records, the collapse of Israel would be just another failed experiment. Amid the dust of defeat they would simply turn their backs on the situation which they had created and walk away."

the American role would lie in a detailed exploration of potential Palestinian attitudes on the structure and spirit of a peace settlement."

Continuing, he said:

"The U.S. did no service to Israel by abstaining from this exploration for so long. Once Washington took its basic decision to enter the dialogue, withdrawal from it would have very grave effects. It would generate despair of any possibility of peace, remove the restraining influence of America from the Middle Eastern scene, advance the cause of radicalism and extremism on both sides of the Palestinian-Israeli barricade. It would also contribute to the approach of a war which Israel would certainly win but which would leave behind the kind of havoc which only those who know the new weapons systems can appreciate."

He concluded that "The U.S. decision to hold a dialogue with the PLO was not taken for the sake of helping Israel, but the negative effects of an American withdrawal would be so serious that they deserve the most careful and cool analysis. That Jewish organizations in the West refused to work for the wreckage of the U.S.-PLO dialogue gives us comforting assurance that they do not confuse solidarity with recklessness."

### Agency to sell 515 Park Avenue

JERUSALEM — Among the properties and companies the Jewish Agency is putting on the market is the Jewish Agency Building at 515 Park Ave. in New York. The building houses all the Zionist Organizations. The Agency is divesting itself also of the large manufacturing and industrial firms it owns in order to liquidate its

## Kwame Toure confronted by 30 Jewish students

CLEVELAND, Oh. — Thirty Jewish students at Oberlin University, Oberlin, Oh., may have devised a new way to confront anti-Semites like Kwame Toure (Stokely Carmichael) as they rose from their seats in various part of the auditorium and stood faced to the rear as the speaker let out a stream of anti-Jewish declarations.

This was reported in the Cleveland Jewish News which devoted its entire first page and later pages to the event. Those who felt the technique was effective believe it can be used as a silent protest for other anti-Semites like Louis Farrakhan.

Toure was brought to the campus by the black student organization, Abusua. He drew an audience of 1000 which packed Finney Chapel.

The Jewish protesters doffed their shirts to show T-shirts bearing the Jewish star, front and back, in bright blue. As Toure went into his anti-Jewish tirade, they rose, faced the rear and remained in that position for 15 minutes until the end of the speech.

Toure seemed discomfited by the action. He was mystified and seemed upset.

As the 30 who stood up by previous arrangement got on their feet, slowly some 20 others, not all Jewish, rose also in protest. Some in the audience were crying.

The demonstration took place on Feb. 15 and if it did nothing else it united the Jewish student body, some 1000 or more out of a total of 2,800.

All letters in the student paper, save one, supported the Jewish action. As a follow up, a "teach-in" on Zionism and anti-Semitism was held on Feb. 27 at the Hillel House with Larry Thomas, a black professor of philosophy speaking about black anti-Semitism to a full house of some 250 students and professors.

Hillel Rabbi Shimon Brand was asked by The Jewish News about the reaction of the administration. He said that "there has been virtually no response to the demonstration, nor was there any to Toure's appearance." He added that "I don't blame the administration for this: I think it has to do with the Jewish students. Across the country they are abysmally ill-equipped to be aware of what our needs are. They 'don't want to cause trouble.' The administration doesn't know what to do — anywhere — any more than the average student."

In his speech, Toure charged that "Jews stole their religion from Africa....Today's Zionists are not really Jews...Jews are Africans...Africans need to protect themselves against the corruption of the Zionists," and on and on.

The protesters had contacted the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and AIPAC for guidance before Toure's appearance, but the actual technique was worked out by Michael Brown, a student, and Rabbi Samuel Z. Fishman, national Hillel director in Washington.

Last Friday night, March 10, was designated as Solidarity Shabbat and Jewish faculty and their families attended services at Hillel.

Hillel issued a statement following the Toure appearance. It concluded: "When a speaker is brought to campus espousing the virulent hatred toward any other minority group that was directed toward us yesterday, the outcry is overwhelming. Yet as we listened to Kwame Toure speak, we felt the pain of isolation. We stand for others and we feel solidarity. We stand for ourselves and we feel deserted."

## Israel Aircraft Industries is soon to return to profit

JERUSALEM — The doom that the Israel Aircraft Industries would face if the Lavi fighter plane were to be scuttled has never materialized, and in fact the firm which employs 16,500 should return to profitability this year. Total sales are expected to reach \$1.25 billion, of which exports should account for \$950 million.

Last year its sales reached \$1.062 billion, with exports of \$720 million. The company which at one time employed 22,500 workers spent \$44 million on research and development last year.

Plans call for the company to be sold to private investors within the next few years, after being divided into separate units.

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## Israelis, Palestinians meet in Mideast Econ. Conference

GENEVA — Israeli officials from the political mainstream were to attend a seminar here this week that will include the participation of well-known Palestinian activists, as well as prominent American and Soviet officials.

The seminar, on "Economic Development in the Middle East in the Year 2000," was scheduled to take place in Lausanne on Thursday and Friday. It is sponsored by the Getty Institute of the United States and Lord Weidenfeld of Great Britain.

Among the Israelis listed as participating in the program are Meir Sheetrit, treasurer of the World Zionist Organization; Knesset members Zalmán Shvul of Likud and Abba Eban of Labor; Brig. Gen. Ephraim Sneh, former head of the civil administration in the West Bank and

Gaza Strip; and two former high-level Foreign Ministry officials, David Kimche and Nimrod Novik.

The Palestinians invited include: Faisal al-Husseini, head of the Arab Studies Center in Jerusalem, recently released from administrative detention in Israel; Professor Sari Nusseibeh of Bir Zeit University, long considered a Palestinian moderate; and Hanna Siniara, editor of the East Jerusalem Arabic daily Al-Fajr.

Participating Americans include former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, former Middle East envoy Philip Habib and Professor Arthur Hertzberg of Dartmouth University. Former Soviet Foreign Minister Anatoly Gromyko also was scheduled to take part.



# Congregations find out what is right/wrong

CHICAGO — Almost one out of five members of Anshe Emet, the large Conservative congregation here, feel uncomfortable some of the time, and one out of three of those who responded so, are members under the age of 46.

This was recorded in a wide-swinging survey of the congregants, according to a report in the bulletin. There was no indication as to why the members were uncomfortable, but among the reasons stated by the members were "impersonal atmosphere," "not feeling welcome," or "feeling left out."

The survey committee observed that making people feel at home at Anshe Emet had to "start at the top — with the rabbis, cantor and board — and cut across all levels of synagogue activity to touch the individual member." It then recommended that every member should be greeted individually following Shabbat services, members should be recognized from the pulpit on special occasions or for special accomplishments and congregants should be asked to fill out a

"report card" on the synagogue every year as a way to keep in touch.

Most of the respondents were satisfied with both the length and content of Sabbath services and with the amount of Hebrew in them, but three out of five either do not read Hebrew or can only read enough to follow prayer services. Four out of five would welcome guest speakers and two out of five dialogues between the rabbi and congregants.

Almost one out of two of the members said they would be more likely to attend services if they knew more people or felt better prepared.

In answer to these findings, the committee recommended that more time during the service should be employed to explain the meaning or purpose of particular prayers and increase congregational participation plus bring in occasional guest speakers and to test the appeal of Friday evening services.

Despite the fact that upward of 80 percent said they never participate or participate only

occasionally in educational or other activities, more than half said they were somewhat or very interested in adult education or other activities under the right circumstances. Of those who responded that they were interested in adult education, better than four out of five named current events, Jewish history and Jewish philosophy. Three out of four were very or somewhat interested in political discussion groups and almost the same number in more social oriented activities. Of lowest interest were synagogue-sponsored retreats or a singles group for people aged 50 and over.

Forty percent of the children of members were enrolled in the Hebrew School and 30 percent in the Day School.

Three out of four of the members read the congregation's bulletin all the time and the most interest was in announcements of upcoming events and articles on current events.

## Warsaw ghetto baby seeks parents

JERUSALEM — A 46-year-old Polish woman is hoping to find her parents who had wrapped her in baby clothes with a message as the Warsaw ghetto was being destroyed by the Nazis hoping that someone would find the baby and make it possible for it to live. As a seven month-old, she was found by Alvin Dubinetski on his way to work as he walked past the destroyed ghetto and stumbled over a small package, which to his surprise, was an infant which the accompanying letter from its mother prayed that whoever found her would give her succor.

Dubinetski, who was a former Lt. Col. in the Polish Army, took the baby home and the childless couple decided to adopt the pretty baby aware that discovery by the Nazis meant death.

The story was revealed



Anna as a little girl

as the couple, now deceased, were honored by Yad Vashem.

By coincidence Paula Weizman was in Warsaw for an exhibition of her paintings and was invited, with her husband, to a ceremony at the Sejm, the parliament, marking the 45th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt. Sitting beside her was a young woman who

mumbled to her that "I'm from the ghetto."

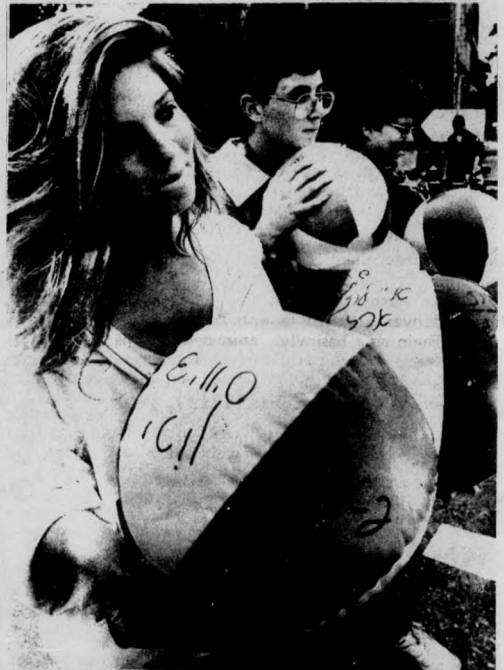
Weizman asked here to visit the exhibition and a friendship developed, which led to the Yad Vashem award memorializing her adopted parents.

It was not until her adoptive father had died that she was told about her Jewish origin and when her adopted mother was suffering from heart failure, she turned to the Jewish community of Katowice where they were then living with the full story about Anna, who was then 15 years old.

Anna was aided by the Joint Distribution Committee and earned a degree in biology at Cracow University where she met her husband. They now live about 50 miles from Warsaw and have two children. Anna turned to the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw in an attempt to find her real identity, but even an article in the official Yiddish paper, Folkshtime, didn't help.

Anna came to Israel at the invitation of Yad Vashem to accept the Righteous Gentile citation on behalf of her adoptive parents. When she appeared on TV and her story was published in the press, she was

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SENIORS DEMONSTRATE — High school seniors used their imagination to demonstrate with inflated plastic beachballs instead of plastic bullets outside the Defence Ministry in Tel Aviv. They delivered a letter to Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin appealing to him not to station them in the territories when they graduate and enter the army.

## Shamir deplores arson attacks

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir spoke out Sunday against a series of arson attacks against well-known Israeli personalities.

The attacks apparently are being perpetrated by a previously unknown group calling itself Sicarii — after the Jewish zealots who engaged in terrorism against the Romans at the end of the Second Temple

period.

The group has taken responsibility for burning the door of the home of pollster Mina Tzemah, for burning the car door of writer Dan Almagor, who has been active in Peace Now, and last week for a similar act on the car of journalist Dan Margalit, who recently interviewed Palestinian activist Faisal al-Husseini.

"What miracles you accomplished against such overpowering odds.... an inspiration to our people forever."

Leon Uris



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## 'Oliver and Co.'

By RABBI ELLIOT B. GERTEL

When I heard that Disney was issuing a new animated version of the *Oliver Twist* story, I cringed.

There has rarely been a



version of *Oliver Twist* when Fagin the exploiter was not either dubbed or hinted to be Fagin the Jew. Indeed, the Fagin character was but the ultimate anti-Semitic stereotype and caricature in a whole tradition of English literature.

Happily, however, in the Disney remake, there is no reference or allusion to Fagin's "Jewishness." And the film bends over backwards to portray Fagin as a basically good-natured victim of circumstances, anyway. Sure, Fagin seems to be a bit hook-

nosed, but we ourselves would stereotype Jews if we read into that an allusion to his "Jewishness." Every race and nationality has its hook-noses and pug-noses—and its plastic surgeons, too.

The only real reference here to Jewishness is in the master plan of the aggressive dog who takes a naive cat under his wing: "Our mission, cat, is to liberate those all-beef kosher franks." What better advertisement for kosher franks can you get?

*Oliver and Company*, the first animated version of *Oliver Twist*, has a lot to recommend itself and to endear itself to audiences. It offers fine animation and well-drawn characters, not to mention the welcome purgation of the prejudices and stereotypes of the original novel. My only problem with this film is the problem I had with another fine animated film, *An American Tail*. The suspense in these animated films always frightens me, and I marvel when I see the children take it so well.

## Religion on TV handed critic's tough response

NEW YORK — The proposal by Dan Wakefield in the TV Guide that there should be more religion on TV got no support from Walter Goodman in his "Critic's Notebook" in the New York Times.

Wakefield, identified as a journalist, novelist and sometime television writer, used as an example the episode in *thirtysomething* where Michael, following the accident involving his wife and baby daughter, wound up at a synagogue service.

Goodman thought differently. Perhaps with tongue in cheek, he characterized

the incident as resembling "a commercial for casualty insurance."

What seemed to offend Goodman was TV's diffidence when it came to being blunt about religion.

"The prevailing soupiness over religion, anybody's religion," he wrote, "gets particularly thick in the treatment of the TV pulpit. A television preacher may be criticized for political activities, like Jerry Falwell, or for odd bookkeeping, like the Bakkers, or for failings of the flesh like Jim Bakker or Jimmy Swaggart, but an unkind word is rarely ut-

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## Warsaw baby

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flooded with phone calls and people stopped her on the street trying to be helpful, plus she received invitations from schools, kib-

butzim, and institutions.

There is still hope in Anna's heart that she'll be able to learn about who she is.

## Jerome Robbins on Broadway

By IRENE BACKALENICK

Jerome Robbins (nee Rabinowitz) is a dancer, choreographer, director—and a good deal more. A towering genius, this artist has reshaped the



American musical theater by virtue of his unique vision. Robbins' brilliant sense of movement gave Broadway shows a new dimension, proving once again that talented American Jews are at the heart of that unique institution—Broadway.

What part has Robbins played? In musical theater, Robbins has used dance to enhance the story and express emotion, so that it became, for the first time, an integral part of the show.

If any proof of these accolades were needed, they were indeed fulfilled the other night when Robbins' new show opened on Broadway. Simply called "Jerome Robbins' Broadway," the show a pastiche of all the musicals he has directed and/or choreographed from 1944 to 1964. The distinguished list includes: "Fiddler on the Roof," "Gypsy," "Peter Pan," "The King and I," "West side Story," and more.

As this reviewer likes a good story on stage, and has little patience with a storyless musical evening, I did not anticipate "Jerome Robbins' Broadway" with much excitement. I expected nothing more than a concert of old show tunes. Not that those numbers aren't wonderful to recall, but they would hardly comprise a substantive evening on Broadway, I thought.

But I was wrong. As it turned out, "Jerome Robbins' Broadway" is one of the best shows I've ever seen on Broadway. It is a retrospective show that calls to mind the famous Picasso collection that graced a New York museum a few years ago. Each number in "Jerome Robbins' Broadway" stands on its own, and each is staged brilliantly, as only

Robbins can do it. His choreography draws upon both his past and present efforts. And the dance numbers, whether new or old, manage to capture the essence of each show. The "West Side Story" number, for example, gives us the whole story in exciting, encapsulated dance form.

Robbins, who directed this monumental undertaking himself, gets absolutely top-notch performances from his cast of 62 (plus 28 musicians).

The young stars here are too numerous to mention, but they perform at the top of their abilities. Robbins has no doubt forced them to go that extra mile and to do better than their best. Singing, dancing, acting, and, above all, staging is spectacular.

Judging by audience reaction, this show should run on Broadway forever. By all means, go to see it, even if it means getting tired next summer.

## Violence reduction hope is shattered by rocks

Arab reports said Israeli soldiers shot and killed four Palestinians and wounded 18 in the most intense clashes in months in the occupied territories Saturday.

On Sunday a 26-year-old Palestinian was shot to death after stabbing and slightly wounding three Israeli border policemen in Gaza, the army said. Israel radio and Arab reports said two other Palestinians, including a 12-year-old, were shot to death as troops opened fire on rock-throwing youths in Silet

Harthieh, a village near Jenin in the West Bank.

Paramilitary policemen trained in riot control recently replaced most regular troops in the Gaza Strip in hopes of reducing the violence. Violence instead has increased.

Palestinian terrorist attacks spread to the generally quiet eastern border with Jordan on Friday, when an Israeli soldier was killed and a Bedouin tracker wounded by gunmen in an ambush.

Jordan announced over the  
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## OBITUARIES

### Herman Kogan, 75, Chicago newsman

CHICAGO — The city lost one of its best-known and most able newspapermen when Herman Kogan succumbed to a heart attack while taking his daily walk near his home. He was 75 years old and his career included a popular radio show for 14 years on WFMT-FM entitled, "Writing and Writers," stints on the Chicago Sun-Times and the Chicago Daily News as reporter, feature writer, editorial writer, book and

drama critic and eventually editor of the Chicago Daily News magazine, Panorama, and the Chicago Sun-Times entertainment and literary section.

It was the books about Chicago and Chicagoans that entitled him to such honors as the Chicago Press Club Journalism Hall of Fame and the Press Veteran Association's Veteran of the Year. In both organizations he had held the title of president.

### Philip Glassman, boxing promoter

PHILADELPHIA — Philip I. Glassman, who died last week at the age of 96 may not be a name that rings a bell with many readers today, but those who can recall that Lew Tendler was a boxing great

may remember that Glassman got Tendler his first fight and later became his manager. He later became a boxing promoter. In fact one of his last major promotions pitted Sugar Ray Robinson against Robert Villemain.

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## INVESTING

By Louis Ehrenkrantz

In November of 1988 we used this space to present the rationale for investing in health care stocks. While every investor has different goals and various levels of risk tolerance, it seems to me that every investor should find a place in his portfolio for at least one pharmaceutical stock. I still hold to this position, even in the face of the substantial rise in pharmaceutical stocks since November.

The demographics are compelling: Twenty one percent of the population (47 million people) in this country are older than 55 years of age. By the end of this century, in a mere 11 years, the figure will be just this side of 60 million. It is only natural that, as we grow older, we require more health care and spend more on medicine. People are living longer and presumably healthier than previous generations. Most of the stocks recommended here five months ago still look good to me, while I believe that it is too late to invest in some.

Let's recap: Eli Lilly about to split 2 for 1, has advanced from \$88 a share to \$100. Its anti-depressant, Prozac, continues to rack up impressive sales figures and earnings estimates in Wall Street have been raised accordingly. I think the stock is still attractive, especially on a dip.

Forest Laboratories has moved to 28-1/2 from the \$23 level, and while it is still a fine company, this 40% move in merely five months makes me want to wait a bit before rushing in to buy at present prices.

Glaxo has moved from 19 to 21-7/8, but is still down sharply from its high. I still think the stock is attractive at these levels. The same may be said of Bristol Meyers which hasn't moved off the \$44 mark. Pancretec almost doubled in price from 6-1/2, and is a sale at 12-1/2. (Judging from your phone calls, this one was widely bought.) Naturally, I would not pay the present price for the stock.

The major irony is that the best company in the group I wrote about in November had a mediocre performance as judged by the price of its stock. Johnson and Johnson remains at \$86 a share despite the fact that it has a better roster of products coming on line for FDA approval than has been seen in a long time. While much publicity has been given JNJ's "anti-wrinkle" retin-A, great hopes have been expressed for Hismanal and the company is test-marketing "cast-alert," a monitoring device for broken limbs. (The latter device having already received FDA approval.) The company has effectively implemented a cost reduction program that should aid the bottom line. I look for \$6.50 per share in earnings this year, and JNJ is about to be split 2 for 1.

In my opinion, Johnson and Johnson is one of the best common stock investments in the present market climate. If you have any questions, please call 800-854-0085. Our brokerage firm is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Eastern time.

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no women's rights, the old habit of separating the sexes at worship died hard. The first part of my own ordeal was to sit in that front room among the men, away from the cozy protection of my mother and sisters.

The services proceeded as usual, through *shaharit* (morning prayers), and through the Torah reading. Father was called up for the honor of reading the *Maftir* (concluding portion). When he finished the *Haftarah* (reading from the Prophets), I was signaled to step forward to a place below the *bimah* at a very respectable distance from the scroll of the Torah, which had already been rolled up and garbed in its mantle. I pronounced the first blessing, and from my own *Humash* (Five Books of Moses) read the selection which Father had chosen for me, continued with the reading of the English translation, and concluded with the closing *brachah* (blessing). That was it. The scroll

was returned to the ark with song and procession, and the service was resumed. No thunder sounded, no lightning struck. The institution of Bat Mitzvah had been born without incident, and the rest of the day was all rejoicing. It was many years before the full privilege of being called to the Torah was granted to a girl, even in the Society for the Advancement of Judaism. By the time my own daughters reached the age of Bat Mitzvah, however, it was taken for granted. They learned to chant both the cantillation of the Torah and of the *Haftarah*, and each, in turn, read, on *Shabbat Kedoshim*, not only the highly ethical code of behavior in the Torah, but the poetic words of the final chapter of the book of Amos.

Judith Kaplan Eisenstein, a daughter of Mordecai Kaplan and wife of Ira Eisenstein, is a prominent musicologist. This article is reprinted from *Eyewitness to History*, Vol. 4, edited by Azriel Eisenberg (UAHC).



### POLLUTION A PROBLEM

— Belching smoke from the stacks of the electric power plant which supplies Israel with most of its electricity is not the only cause of air pollution. Jerusalem residents were advised by the government that the quality of the air they breathe has deteriorated markedly and the surge in the number of cars had added to the problem. Even the pollution from Tel Aviv is wafted by wind currents to the capital.

### Arson suspected in Academy fire

CLEVELAND — Fire believed to be arson but not anti-Semitism caused \$250,000 damage to the as-

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## LIFE

By Sol Gordon

Professor Sol Gordon is an authority on love, sex and marriage, and you probably heard him lecture in your community. He founded the Institute for Family Research and Education. He is professor emeritus of Syracuse University. He has appeared on *The Today Show*, the *Phil Donahue Show*, with *Oprah Winfrey*, *60 Minutes* and *Good Morning, America*. He will answer questions from readers and may be addressed at 28 Heritage Ct., Belmont, CA 94002.

People in the TV industry don't have to be reminded how awesome is their power and influence.

It is certainly to their credit that they have, in many areas, responded responsibly. But, in the area of my concern, the TV industry has been either unresponsive (i.e. negative) or grossly irresponsible. Apart from occasional *Family Ties*, *Cosby*, etc. episodes, prime time commercial TV is macho, sexist and caters to the worst instincts of human kind, from rape to murder. Its portrayal of love is nothing short of pathetic and does a lot of damage in reinforcing stereotypes and unrealistic expectations. (In terms of presenting responsible programs on sexuality, PBS does not have a better record than does commercial broadcasting.)

But this kind of global criticism turns off television people. I'll offer instead some positive messages and ideas that we sex educators would like to see on TV. And yes, we think these messages can be incorporated into commercially viable situation comedies, afternoon soaps, extravaganzas, detectives, westerns and even nostalgics.

I would try to get across the following "rumors" and messages:

1. Girls get pregnant because they have sexual intercourse.
2. It's not romantic to have sex without birth control — it's stupid.
3. If someone says to you, "If you really love me, you'll have sex with me," it's always a line.
4. Sex is never a test of love.
5. "No" is a perfectly good oral contraceptive.
6. Machismo is when you are man enough to avoid hurting and exploiting anyone because of your own insecurities.
7. Men who boast about all the women they've had and how they need it a lot, basically hate women.
8. More than 85 percent of all boys who impregnate teenage girls will eventually abandon them.
9. Girls who feel they don't amount to anything unless some guy loves them, won't amount to much afterward.
10. People who feel good about themselves are not available for exploitation and don't exploit others.
11. Of the ten most important things in a relationship, sex is number nine. Number one is love and caring. Two is a sense of humor. Three is communicating and ten is sharing household tasks together.

## Fatal ambush ends Jordan border serenity

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weekend that it had captured the attackers, who managed to skip back into Jordan without injury.

In Damascus, the Fatah Uprising, led by Col. Saed (Abu) Musa, claimed responsibility for the attack.

Although first reports spoke of a cleverly planned ambush against Israeli soldiers, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin and senior army officers all later said the gunmen may have been on

their way to attack civilian settlements in the Arava.

This would strengthen Israeli contentions that the rising number of attempts to infiltrate Israel's borders are terrorist actions.

Yasir Arafat and other officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization say that, unlike terrorist actions against Israeli civilians, attacks against IDF soldiers are legitimate guerilla warfare and will continue.



# Changing of the guard at Ministry of Culture

By JACOB NEUSNER

Let me share with my readers another career of mine, one in the politics of culture in the Federal establishment. I got involved with public policy in



the humanities and the arts in the mid-1970s, and I have had a unique political career in the two Federal agencies involved in culture. Specifically I served, by President Carter's appointment, from 1978 to 1984 on the National Council on the Humanities, and for a term of six years, 1984-1990, by President Reagan's appointment, am now Member of the National Council on the Arts, the only person to serve on both Endowments' Councils. We are heading into interesting times in the national institutions of culture, because, in 1990, Congress had to decide whether or not to reauthorize the two Endowments. And these are times of change for many reasons.

At the NEA, with Francis S. M. Hodson's resignation and move to OMB, a new chair has to be chosen. The two Endowments, founded in 1965, now celebrate twenty-fifth anniversaries. We come to the fifth season of reauthorization. The hearings, as yet not scheduled, will determine whether or not Congress reauthorizes both Endowments for another five-year period. No one doubts that Congress will give culture a renewed mandate in the Federal structure. But anyone who thinks there will be no changes misunderstands how seriously Congress takes the work of restudying what it has made.

Both Endowments require much serious thought, not because they are bad, but because they can be made much better. But I think the Humanities Endowment demands the most substantial study, because, in my view, the entire way in which we have now organized the NEH is out of kilter with the humanities in this country, while the con-

trary mode of organizing NEA is what makes the Arts Endowment a superb medium of public assistance to the arts.

The difference is easy to see, and the problem then is blatant. Comparing the two Endowments' reports to Congress, the NEH *State of the Humanities* report with NEA's *State of the Arts* report, show the difference. The one is general, the other specific, the one refers blandly to "the humanities" in homogenizing categories, the other sharply to dance, music, theater, and so on, in specific and pointed categories. And while the Arts Report sets forth what the

episodic anecdotes? The reason is that the Arts Endowment is organized by artistic disciplines, the Humanities staff by functions. At NEH there are Research, Education, Fellowships, and these cover all humanistic fields. At NEA there are Dance, Theater, Opera and Musical Theater, Literature, Expansion Arts, Visual Arts, Folklore, Design Arts — all things real artists do. The staff — discipline heads, assistants — comes to the NEA from those disciplines of dance, music, literature, folk art. The NEA always retains close ties to major components of this country's arts world. That is why it can

precise cooperation, and the (small) Federal role is precise and specific to the problems the Federal government has chosen to address. The Humanities Endowment as presently organized simply cannot speak of the fields of the humanities — where the work goes on — but only of "the humanities" in general; but "the humanities" in general do not exist.

But the Arts Endowment too presents a problem for Congress to take up. While the National Council on the Humanities, the citizens' advisory council of the National Endowment for the Humanities, carefully scrutinizes all grants NEH makes and advises the chair on action, the Arts Endowment counterpart, the National Council on the Arts, does not. There is, in point of fact, no systematic scrutiny of grants by the NCA. Everything is done in a haphazard way. Specifically, prior to each meeting, Council members are asked to identify specific applications of special "concern" to them. These then may be discussed with pertinent staff members. Council time set aside for discussing specific applications comes at the end of two or three day meetings and is hurried. Commonly, members leave through the meeting, as plane schedules catch up with public business. The public expects the Arts Council to know what it is doing when it recommends grants. The Council rarely does. If truth be told, a legal quorum is rarely present when decisions are made.

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Endowment staff, panelists, specialists, and Council think is the condition of dance or theater, visual arts or opera — all in particular — and further tells us what the problems of the respective disciplines are, and, finally, tells what the Endowment in particular is doing to address and even solve these problems, the Humanities report does not tell us anything very specific. About history, philosophy, literature, and the other humanistic disciplines, what the condition of these disciplines is, what the problems are, and how the Humanities Endowment proposes to solve those problems — of this, in all due detail, we learn nothing.

Why is the Humanities Report a mass of generalizations, accompanied not by a sustained and systematic survey of the facts, but rather

address problems in detail, propose informed solutions, carry out well crafted policy.

And NEH goes on, year after year, doing the same thing in the same way. Historians, philosophers, scholars of literature — such as these do not work at NEH, in the way in which their counterparts run NEA. When the head of Theater went back to the field, it was to write and produce a play. When heads of NEH divisions leave, it is to serve in academic administration, rather than to write more history or philosophy or philology.

The differences are institutional. The Endowments relate to their fields of responsibility in diametrically opposed ways. The relationship of the Arts Endowment to the arts is the right one, because it yields close and on-going and

staff. When the full Council meets, the next day, the committee recommendations are set forth for the entire Council, and specific problems, e.g., of policy or detail, aired in public discussion.

Exclusion of the Arts Council from systematic scrutiny of the grant-making process is accomplished in other ways. First of all, most of the Council time is spent on receiving reports on various fields in the arts (which the Council members call "show and tell"), in which experts come and tell the Council how things are going in their fields. These reports are enlightening, but they turn the Council into an audience, not a deliberative body.

More serious, the device of side-stepping the established review process through chairman's grants excludes the Council (therefore the public) from its assigned role. As a result grants (small in proportion to the whole, to be sure) may be made at the Chairman's initiative. At NEH these are called not "Chairman's grants," but (since the time of William Bennett's chairmanship "Emergency grants," and there are entire quarters in which none goes out. The review process of Panel recommendation to the Council forestalls the dangers of favoritism, politicization of the grant-making process, grants in response to pressure. At the Arts Endowment these protections have eroded.

Reorganizing NEH to articulate close ties with the humanistic fields of learning and express, redefining the work of the NEA Council to make it an effective and worthwhile public body — these seem to me the task facing Congress in its redesign of the Federal ministry of culture.

## Arson suspected in Academy fire

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assembly hall of Hebrew Academy where the Torah Scrolls were housed. Firemen carried them out to safety. Fire Chief Robert P. Math told the Cleveland Jewish News that while the fire

was still under investigation, it appeared to be "either arson or vandalism" but there was no fire bomb or accelerant which might have been used. He cautioned against overreaction.

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# Anti-Semitism: Is it exaggerated?

By EDWARD S. SHAPIRO

Social psychologists use the term "cognitive dissonance" to describe a collision of reality and ideology. Often in such cases, instead of changing their minds, people reinterpret reality to harmonize with their preconceived ideas. A classic study of cognitive dissonance is *When Prophecy Fails: A Social and Psychological Study of a Modern Group That Predicted the Destruction of the World* (1964), by Leon Festinger, Henry W. Riecken, and Stanley Schachter. One would think that, of all individuals, the persons discussed in this book would have had the most incentive to change their views. And yet, so strong was their belief system, they actually concluded that the failure of the world to self-destruct confirmed rather than refuted their ideology. One can see the same phenomenon among millenarian Protestants who have consistently predicted the second coming of Jesus in their own lifetimes. As Festinger *et al.* wrote:

Suppose an individual believes something with his whole heart; suppose further that he has a commitment to this belief, that he has taken irrevocable actions because of it; finally, suppose that he is presented with evidence, unequivocal and undeniable evidence, that his belief is wrong: what will happen? The individual will frequently emerge, not only unshaken, but even more convinced of the truth of his beliefs than ever before. Indeed, he may even show a new fervor about convincing and converting other people to his view.

Cognitive dissonance has been also a prominent characteristic of anti-Semites. They have had to reconcile their belief in the existence of a powerful worldwide Jewish cabal of Zionists, bankers, and Communists with the lack of concrete evidence of such a conspiracy, and with the obvious absurdity of bankers and radicals conspiring together. For some anti-Semites, invincibly ignorant of the world, the reconciling has been easy. Thus anti-Semites of the 1930s accused President Roosevelt of being the scion of Dutch Jews, while Jesse Jackson blamed Richard Nixon's insensitivity to the poor on his top advisers, "four out of five [whom] are German Jews," including John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman!

Other anti-Semites have had a more scrupulous regard for the truth. They claim that the very absence of any evidence of Jewish

power demonstrates how insidious the Jews actually are. The lack of evidence is proof of the very thing that the evidence was supposed to prove in the first place. The worldwide Jewish conspiracy would be common knowledge if the Jews were not so clever in disguising their malignant designs. It is almost impossible to reason with a dedicated anti-Semite. His mind is hostage to an ideology impervious to rational argument, an ideology that argues that both evidence and the lack of evidence of Jewish power point to the same conclusions.

Jews also have not been immune to cognitive dissonance when thinking about anti-Semitism. One of the most significant facts about American Jewish history since the end of World War II has been a precipitous decline in anti-Semitism. The evidence for this can be found in countless polls on American public opinion querying Americans whether they would vote for a Jew as President, whether they would approve if their child married a Jew, and whether they have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jews. Impressionistic data point to the same conclusion.

Since the 1970s, Jews have been elected to Congress in a far greater percentage than their numbers warrant; they have become presidents of some of America's most illustrious academic institutions (including Dartmouth College, Columbia University, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Cal Tech, and MIT); Jewish novelists and movies about Jewish themes have become an important element in American popular culture; Jews have served as secretary of state, secretary of defense, chairman of the National Security Council and the Federal Reserve System, head of the postal service, and chief of staff to the President; and Jews have become prominent in such previously *judenrein* areas as big business. Jews have been coaches of Ivy League football and basketball teams, and a Jew was even coach of the 1984 American Olympic track squad. The question posed by Barbra Streisand in *Funny Girl* — "Is a nose with a deviation a crime against the nation?" — has been answered with a resounding "no." It has been Jews who have taught Americans how to dance (Arthur Murray), what to wear (Ralph Lauren), how to behave (Dear Abby and Ann Landers), and where to complain (David Horowitz).

Anti-Semitism is restricted to groups outside the American



mainstream, such as radical black intellectuals who perceive Jews and Israel to be part of the Western imperialism and capitalism responsible for the plight of the Third World and the American ghetto. And yet despite existing only on the margins of American society, anti-Semitism is perceived by a significant minority of Jews to be a potential major danger. This fear is responsible for the Simon Wiesenthal Center of Los Angeles currently being the most successful domestic Jewish organization in terms of fundraising. While the instincts of self-preservation of Jewish defense organizations help keep alive this concern with domestic anti-Semitism, other things are at work as well.

In the aftermath of the Holocaust, what the Jewish historian Salo Baron has termed the "lachrymose" interpretation of Jewish history has become the dominant way of understanding the Jewish past. The Holocaust has become the paradigmatic event of Jewish history, while Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor, has become the single most significant figure on the American Jewish scene. Scratch a Gentile deep enough, this reading of history tells us, and you will uncover an anti-Semite. And if a Gentile does not exhibit anti-Semitism, it merely reveals how successful he is in disguising his prejudice.

For some lukewarm Jews, the fight against anti-Semitism is one of their last remaining ties to the Jewish community. Ignorant of Jewish belief, disinterested in Jewish culture, alienated from Jewish organizational life, they identify as Jews because of their opposition to anti-Semitism, because it would be shameful to cease being Jewish as long as there are anti-Semites. For them anti-Semitism is necessary because without it they would cease having any rationale for identifying as Jews.

The radical Isaac Deutscher embodied this outlook in an extreme form. A child prodigy who was ordained in pre-World War I Poland when only 13, Deutscher gave up any belief in God at an early age. When he was 14 he ate a buttered ham sandwich in a cemetery on Yom Kippur, and was surprised when he was not struck down by God. He had crossed his Rubicon, and went on to replace Moses and the Talmud with Marx and *Das Kapital*. In his 1966 essay "Who Is A Jew?" Deutscher discussed his own Jewish identity. An unrepentant Marxist, atheist, and internationalist, he rejected all religious, Zionist, and cultural definitions of Jewishness. "I am, however," he wrote, "a Jew by force of my unconditional solidarity with the persecuted and exterminated. I am a Jew because I feel the Jewish tragedy as my own tragedy; because I feel the pulse of Jewish history; because I should like to do all I can to assure the real, not spurious, security and self-respect of the Jews." Deutscher's Jewish identity was dependent on Jews remaining among the persecuted. His antipathy toward Israel resulted not only from ideological anti-Zionism but also from the fact that the Jews of Israel have ceased being part of the world's outcasts.

The tendency of Jews to exaggerate American anti-Semitism is seemingly impervious to overwhelming scholarly and popular evidence to the contrary. Jews, Abba Eban once quipped, "are a people who can't say yes." Charles Silberman's *A Certain People: American Jews and Their Lives Today* (1985) pointed out, for example, that while 75 percent of Jews believe most Gentiles perceive Jews to have too much power in business, only one-third of the Gentiles

actually feel this way. Jews, Silberman also noted, believe evangelical Christians to be tepid, at best, regarding Israel, while they are actually among Israel's staunchest supporters.

Leonard Fein's *Where Are We? The Inner Life of America's Jews* (1988) also remarked on this tendency of American Jews to overemphasize anti-Semitism, to transform the struggle against the vestiges of anti-Semitism into the motivating impulse of American Jewish life. "If the anti-Semites have indeed been beaten back," Fein asked, "what is left to connect us? If Jewish survival is assured, what is left for us to be concerned about? More precisely, if the threat to Jewish survival does not come from without, we who profess to care for that survival must turn inward. And that is something we prefer not to have to do." Fein cogently argued that American Jewish identity must rest on something more substantial than the chimera of anti-Semitism, the memory of the Holocaust, and the concern with survival. America's Jews, he suggested, must divest themselves of their fears and shape a new Jewish meaning appropriate for their new circumstances, or else they will be condemned to leading "impoverished, cheapened, misguided" Jewish lives.

Gary A. Tobin's *Jewish Perceptions of Anti-Semitism* is the most complete and important analysis of Jewish popular attitudes toward anti-Semitism. Tobin, the Director of Brandeis University's Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies and a leading authority on contemporary American Jewish public opinion, is concerned less with anti-Semitism itself than with the way American Jews perceive anti-Semitism during what he has termed "a golden political and economic age for Jews." He argues — unconvincingly in my opinion — that the Jewish laity are realistic in their understanding of the current status of American anti-Semitism.

Recent surveys, Tobin notes, reveal that while less than three-quarters of American Jews perceive anti-Semitism to be a threat today, over three-quarters believe anti-Semitism may become a serious problem in the future, a significant percentage believe the postwar decline in anti-Semitism has halted, and few are willing to be optimistic about the future. For Tobin, this is an accurate analysis of the American Jewish situation. Anti-Semitism, he contends, still infects a substantial number of Gentiles; the level of anti-Semitic attitudes (in contrast to behavior) has remained relatively unchanged during the past couple of decades; and the proverbial Jewish man-in-the-street, while convinced that anti-Semitism is under control, is correct in being "wary and watchful." For him the movie *Betrayed* is as much a part of Americana as is *Annie Hall*.

Not all sociologists and public-opinion mavens agree with this somber prognosis. Geraldine Rosenfield's important 1982 essay in the *Public Opinion Quarterly* asserted that public-opinion polls from 1960 to 1981 seem "clearly to point to a sharp decline in prejudice against Jews and a marked increase in their social acceptance as individuals and as a group." Similarly, Gregory Martie and Ruth Clark's *Anti-Semitism in the United States: A Study of Prejudice in the 1980s* (1982) claimed that "anti-Semitism has declined significantly in the United States since the mid-1960s."

The most important part of Tobin's book is not its discussion of Jewish perceptions of anti-Semitism but its recounting of the deepest

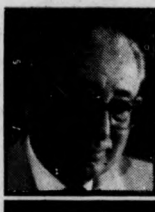
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## Yiddish in Russia

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Yiddish is sprouting all over Russia with the advent of the glasnost era, we learn from the column, "In the World of Yiddish," by the Forward's I.



Hamer. In Kiev, a Yiddish library was opened by the town's officials and a bas-relief of Shalom Aleichem, who lived there, adorns the edifice. Yiddish clubs, lectures, libraries, and concerts are taking place in Moscow, Vilna, Minsk, Letland and Lwow.

The Russian Yiddish newspaper, Sovetische Haimland, and the one in Birobidjan report Jewish art exhibits and classes in Yiddish.

Hamer also joins in saluting the Israeli Yiddish periodical, "Der Goldene Kait," (Golden Chain) on its 40th anniversary and the 75th birthday of its editor, Abraham Sultzever. Melbourne, Australia, is the setting of a periodical with Yiddish articles cheek by jowl with English ones. Hamer reproduces a letter in Yiddish from the city library of Budapest asking for Yiddish books. The letter was received by the Workmen's Circle, which sent the library a batch of books. Others who would like to ship works to the library can do so through the Workmen's Circle, 45 E. 33 St., New York City 10016.

## Grabs stewardess, saves her life

SYDNEY, Australia — One of the heroes of the United Airlines disaster when 9 passengers were sucked out of a Boeing jet after a cargo door flew open was Paul Holz, of this city. He held on to a critically injured stewardess, saving

## Greek A-Semitism

The anti-Semitism in Greece, orchestrated by Prime Minister Papandreou, who is scandal-tainted and who let an Arab killer out of the country, was manifest at an international basketball game in Salonika in February. Opponents in the game were the Israeli Maccabi team and a Greek team. The court resonated with venomously anti-Jewish cries, we learn from Simon Feigenov in the Algemeiner Journal. Despite the hostility, the Israelis won, 102-90. The Israelis also defeated a French team on their European tour, but they lost to Spain. They nosed out Italy, 93-92.

## Laskov mourned

Israel is mourning the recent death of one of the outstanding military geniuses of this century: Gen. David Laskov, who was regarded as almost indispensable by the Israeli army, which just wouldn't let him retire. He was a strategist extraordinaire who distinguished himself in all of Israel's wars and also helped to build up Israel's arms export business. A native of Russia, he was ousted from medical school by the Communists, emigrated to Israel, served in the British Army for five years, and then took part in all of Israel's conflicts. His death, at age 87, in Haifa has evoked widespread lamentation and eulogies. (R. Roshem, in the Forward)

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## Soliloquy 32,000 feet in the air

By RABBI MAURICE DAVIS

Last week I returned from a week in California, with just enough time to get my clothes cleaned, and fly off to Rhode Island and New York. This



speaking tour is now completed, and I am heading back to Palm Coast to repack for a triangle trip to California, New York and Florida.

That will be followed by a half dozen speaking engagements in and around Florida.

By then it will be mid-May, and we shall drive to Rhode Island for the summer. Except that the day we arrive there I shall fly another triangle, this time to Texas, California, and back to Rhode Island.

After that, I shall simply relax on the beach with my wife and my extended family. Except for those nine weddings in the New York/New Jersey area.

To all of this my wife re-

plies, "Are you bragging or complaining?" She is right, of course, and her implied criticism is accurate. I surely am n o t complaining.....well.....maybe a little. I am doing what I love to do. I am going places, and meeting people where and with whom I delight to be.

And I suppose there is a touch of bragging in all this busy-ness. But that, too, is not the issue. Neither bragging nor complaining is the issue. The real issue may be what I confessed to a Palm Coast friend who gasped at my typed itinerary.

I said that maybe, just maybe, I was doing all this running around simply to prove to myself that I have not been forgotten. Was I merely afraid that I would be totally forgotten the minute I left my own little center stage? Was I trying to hang on to the past, rather than face the future? Part of me denies it, but part of me wonders.

It was exciting to travel more than I had planned, and to make friends throughout the land. It was exciting to feel needed, and to read press releases here and there. But that year is over now. I am booked

through December 1989, and that, my friends, will be that.

Looking back on that year, it was pleasant to hear from old friends and new.....and total strangers as well. And I hasten to insist that I have not sought any of these invitations, not at all.

But I never said no, either.

Next year I start to say no. Not entirely, and not always, but I start to say no. Next year I start to pick and choose, and if the phone does not ring as often, or at all, that will be fine with me.

I wonder. Have I really been clinging so tightly to the past? Was I really afraid to let go? Next year I'll still hang on to it, but not that tightly. I will not let go, but I think I shall loosen the grip.

I have been retired for two years now, and it is time that I faced up to it, came to grips with it, instead of avoiding it. There is something to retirement that I have not yet experienced or explored.....

The plane is coming in for a landing now, and I have to stop writing for the moment. I have had an interesting trip.....into myself. Glad you could come along.

## FLASHBACKS in JEWISH HISTORY

## Baltimore's first congregation in 1830

By RABBI A. P. BLOCH

1830—Baltimore's first congregation, Nidche Yisroel. (The Dispersed of Israel, later renamed Baltimore Hebrew Congregation)



gregation) received its charter from the State of Maryland.

The Jewish community of Baltimore was a laboratory of religious trends in the 19th

century. Nidche Yisroel was founded by German and Dutch Orthodox Jews. Har Sinai Verein, a Reform congregation, was founded in 1842 by German Jews. Congregation Ohev Shalom (Lover of Peace) was founded in 1853 by dissenters who chose a middle course, foreshadowing the rise of Conservatism.

Even as the three wings of American Judaism were taking shape, they revealed the fluidity of each group. Har Sinai became more radical under the leadership of Rabbi David Einhorn (1855-61). The Orthodoxy of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation was

strongly invigorated by the popular Rabbi Abraham Rice. Yet several years after his passing, the congregation entered a period of liberalization which propelled it into Reform. In 1894 it dispensed with the wearing of hats at religious services.

Reacting to the liberalization of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, some members seceded and found Congregation Chizuk Emunah (Support of the Faith). The name was borrowed from a 16th century polemical work by Isaac Troki against Christian missionary biblical distortion.

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JERUSALEM — The trips which high schools provided for their students from all over Israel to Jerusalem have declined from an average of 30 schools a month to only five so far this year. Oded Cohen, an Education

Ministry official blamed parents' fears of violence. Cohen brought a busload of principals and parents to Jerusalem from northern Israel to convince them that "people are not being shot at in the streets."

## Candidates plentiful; voters scarce

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

The recent local elections in the 148 municipalities, and councils, including 43 cities and 105 towns and villages, attracted a record number of



candidates. Separate ballots were cast for mayor or council head, and representation on municipal and local councils. A total of 572 were contesting mayoral or council head positions while a mammoth 1,166 lists vied for membership on the councils. There were 3,969 polling stations, and an additional 800 polling stations, including mobile ones for soldiers. Residents of kibbutzim, moshavim and other communities belonging to regional councils did not vote. Eligible to vote were a total of 2,730,769, of whom 2,258,657, or 85 percent, are Jewish and 417,310, 15 percent, are Arab or Druse. A strange arrangement avoided elections in Zichron Ya'acov, Kfar Shmaryahu, Metulla, Ajar and Ramot Hashavim, because the council heads and the local council had won by acclamation. Polls were open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Nevertheless a legal holiday was declared "...to permit everyone to vote." The economy suffered to the tune of about a million shekel (about \$56 million) apart from the tremendous cost of campaigning.

As it happens the weather was ideal summer weather and many thousands took to the beaches and parks for a day of picnicking. Even though polls were open until 10 p.m., apparently many were either too tired or too lazy to take the time and effort to vote. Some 48 percent actually voted, down somewhat from previous local elections, and considerably down from the over 80 percent who generally vote in national elections. The basic contests were between Labor and Likud, just as in the national elections. However this time Prime Minister Shamir laid special emphasis upon

this election and asked the public to give him a vote of confidence for his policies, particularly his approach to peace and political diplomacy. Some of his Likud associates were a bit wary of the Prime Minister's approach, fearing that it was too risky. "After all, there are a lot of local issues involved having nothing to do with national policy. A defeat at the polls might be erroneously interpreted as a lack of confidence in Likud." The Prime Minister was adamant. "I have full confidence in our people.

Likud scored big victories in Tel Aviv, Herzliya, Netanya, Holon, Ramat Gan, Petah Tikva, Be'er Sheva, Tiberias and virtually the entire Galilee. Particularly sweet was the victory in Petah Tikva, where the rabidly anti-religious Dov Tabory had reigned with a tight right fist for seven years. The religious lists — the National Religious Party scored important gains in 120 cities and councils, while Shas and Agudas bolstered their representation, despite the heel biting of Degel Hatorah. Even in Jerusalem, where hitherto

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They know what is best," he declared stoutly.

The Prime Minister turned out to be even more right than he or his entire party dared hope. The election was not only a resounding victory for Likud. It was a record landslide which sent tremors of fear and confusion through all of Labor and its leftist associates — Mapam, Shinui and the Citizens Rights Movement. Likud now controls the majority of all the cities, towns and councils, particularly the development towns. For the past five years Labor had controlled cities with a total population of 1,150,000 and Likud about 600,000. Now the situation is completely reversed.

Mayor Teddy Kollek had held complete sway, his One Jerusalem Party dropped from 17 to 11, forcing him to seek a coalition with the religious parties who gained well in the council. The Mayor retained his over 60 percent majority, a tribute to one who has devoted over two decades to make Jerusalem the beautiful city that it is, and probably the most cultured of all cities. Obviously the citizenry appreciated its Mayor and voted accordingly at a time when Mayor Kollek needed this vote of confidence as he struggles to keep our capital a united Jerusalem.

A shocked Labor Party, in

## Something brewing in Syria

The politicians and the statesmen and the journalists here all have their eyes fixed on Yasir Arafat and his tactics on the world stage. The military leadership, on the other hand, is more concerned with what is going on in Syria and in the mind of its dictator, Hafez al-Assad.

There is no doubt that something is brewing. Syria has the biggest arms budget of any country in the Middle East, and despite the difficult economic situation, the citizenry is openly being called upon to tighten their belts so that the country may continue its military buildup in preparation for war. Enormous sums are being spent on military installations. Vast field maneuvers are being held, in which emphasis is placed on attack, rather than on defense.

While most Arab states talk about their desire for peace with Israel, albeit on their own terms, Assad has not made even that gesture. His hostility is fixed and implacable.

Syria has been heavily armed by the USSR with the very latest planes and tanks, but Assad is said to have been complaining about both the quantity and the quality of the equipment sent him. Members of his government have made visits to Moscow, presumably to seek beefing-up of the supplies. On the other hand, the present visit to Damascus by the Soviet Minister of Defense is widely believed to be

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## SOCIAL calendar

By Jean Henschelt

The NATPAC that supports candidates for public office who work towards a strong U.S.-Israel relationship came to the Big Apple (New York City) for a gala fundraising dinner. It was staged at the Peter Max Art Gallery in upper Manhattan. Guests who attended the dinner at a \$1,000 per person received an autographed limited edition of Peter Max's poster, "Journey to the Promised Land." The affair brought together young professionals.

Founded seven years ago by Marvin Josephson, who is the current chairman, NATPAC rang up \$1.2 million in contributions last year. The money was distributed to 186 candidates running for office — 24 senators plus 162 representatives, 90% of whom won re-election or election. That was the good news disclosed at the bash. In the last four election cycles (82, 84, 86, 88) it has doled out maximum contributions of \$5,000 to 81% of the 100 current senators, plus 214 of the 235 house representatives. NATPAC's '88 distribution is 20% above its 1986 total. It has 60,000 members nationwide and is the largest bipartisan unaffiliated PAC in the country, David Mitchell, co-chair of the event who is chairman of the new Young Leadership of Israel Bonds said.

Among the guests, which included also those that came to the second reception phase at \$100 per person, were Malcolm Hoenlein (Mr. and Mrs.) executive head of the Presidents Conference; Elliot Engel (D. Bronx, N.Y.) freshman Congressman; Ellen Lautenberg, Johnathan Kessler, and Marvin Josephson.

It's appropriate to note that Peter Max spent a good deal of his youth in Israel, taking his first major art lessons in Haifa where he was Bar Mitzvah. The very popular and successful artist, who was born in 1937, fled Berlin with his family in 1943. Their first home base was in Shanghai, then Tibet, then really home, Israel.

His famous graphic art work was available this evening at the gallery with 1/3 of the proceeds being dropped into the NATPAC kitty. A very large total amount for the full evening was raised, but no figures disclosed.

The big news to emerge from the 81st annual B'nai Zion Awards Dinner-Dance at the New York Hilton was that the National Conference of Shomrim (Jewish police, firemen, etc.) Societies has announced that the organization will provide funds to complete a wing of the B'nai Zion Medical Center in Haifa, formerly the Haifa Medical Center. Moreover, Shomrim is planning a Mission to Israel Nov. 1-16, 1989, where "it will dedicate a room at the center in memory of all police, fire and law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the performance of their duty."

Among the gallant fallen police to be enshrined in memory will be the most recent casualty, 30-year-old Officer Joe Galapo, of Brooklyn. A wife and three young children survive him.

Meanwhile, the sad news that several buildings at Maon B'nai Zion in Rosh Ha'Ayin collapsed, leaving almost half the population of 400 mentally-retarded and handicapped children without proper housing, was announced by Raymond Patt, the dinner chairman. Funds to replace the houses are needed. The sum of \$1,300,000 is the goal for '89, he said.

At the same time, it should be noted that BZ established the Dr. Judith A. Resnik/Challenger Memorial at BZ Medical Center in Haifa in tribute to the Jewish astronaut who gave her life in the tragic Challenger explosion.

Recipients of its 1989 America-Israel Friendship Award were Shoshana S. Cardin, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and Gen. Yehuda Halevy, immediate past president of State of Israel Bonds. Presentations were by BZ president Ernest Zelig, and past president Harold Bernstein. Past president Sidney Weiner was honored with the Harris J. Levine plaque.

Halevy, in his remarks said that "Jews do not need to be apologetic over the intifada," arguing that that attitude never served "for us in the past and today security is more important than sympathy." While Cardin, speaking of Soviet Jewry, called on all to remember that the movement began as an

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## JEW by CHOICE

# Converts embarrass born Jews

By SAMANTHA LIND BLAD

Among the reactions to the Jew by Choice that I find most interesting are those from born Jews whose sense of Jewish identity rests



solely on ethnicity.

I've never met a born Jew who upon learning that I'm a convert didn't tell me immediately, "I feel I'm Jewish ethnically, but..." Some group all aspects together by adding "...but I don't go in for all the bull of organized religion." To which I always reply, "Then you should join Temple Emanu El, we're totally disorganized."

They know I'm joking, but while the last portion of their statement may vary in wordage, and although it is meant to relate that they are much too busy for "such silly, time-consuming things," it often tells me any number of other things, depending on the person and any further comments they make make.

Sometimes, it means they know nothing of the religious aspects and ritual celebrations of Judaism.

Sometimes, that as a child, they knew only the religious, legal, and ritual aspects, but nothing of the spirit of Judaism.

And sometimes, that in their opinion the religious/ritual aspects of Judaism are trivial and that just because I am a practicing Jew that does not make me an "authentic" Jew.

Whatever meaning their statement conveys, in all cases it seems as though it's given as a kind of "quick-draw defense mechanism," and only upon learning I am a Jew by Choice.

There was the case of the woman, born Jewish, with a small son and whose husband was a non-Jew. We first met at a neighborhood barbecue and learning she was Jewish, I told her I, too, was a Jew. We talked about being Jewish in a relatively non-Jewish area and she asked if I came from an observant home. I said, "No,"

explaining I was a convert to Judaism. She knew one could convert and, outwardly, seemed to accept that I, too, was a Jew.

One Friday evening she and her husband paid us a visit to discuss their plans to build a home. Upon entering she looked at the lighted candles and said hesitantly, "Oh, it's Shabbat, isn't it?" Finally, she turned to me and asked, "Do you do this every Friday night?"

When I answered that I did, she said, "I feel I'm Jewish ethnically, but I don't go in for all the ritual stuff."

Her comment came as no surprise to me, she'd already told me she felt "Jewish ethnically, but..."

home and after ushering him in, she immediately removed a platter from the oven and said, "Here, you've got to have some of this ham. I know you don't get ham at home."

A simple comment, you say? Perhaps. But similar things have happened so often that I feel it was not so much a matter of her being concerned over my husband's palate or loss of culinary delights. Rather, that it was more her way of saying, "As a born (not to mention 'enlightened') Jew we all know that the dietary laws are only for fanatics and converts."

Whenever I meet a "ethnically only" Jew, the one feeling I receive from all of them is that I make them uncomfortable. That, perhaps, I somehow touch some long and deeply buried sense of guilt, especially if they have children to whom the only sense of Jewish identity they have provided is that they were born of a Jewish parent.

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during her first meeting. But what I found interesting is that as she was telling me this she had been removing a package of cigarettes from her purse. She sat looking at the candles for a moment and then replaced the pack back into her purse without taking a cigarette from it. She knew she was welcome to smoke in my house, and yet, something evidently made her feel self-conscious about smoking, at least in front of me, on the Sabbath.

The following weekend my husband stopped by their home to drop off several sets of house plans for them to look at. They were living in a small mobile

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I often feel they are somewhat distrustful of me because they cannot understand why I accept those things they have consciously rejected. They try so hard to be like everybody else and are determined not to stick out. They cannot understand why I hunger for those very things they have rejected that make me particularly Jewish.



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## L.A. where the action is

By ARLENE G. PECK

Who says Eastern doesn't care? I don't. They were absolutely as sweet as they could be when I needed them to help me out and re-scheduled me, at no extra charge, on



my recent trip to the West Coast. If you'll remember, in the continuing saga of my trials and tribulations when I not so long ago went crashing down the mountainside in Vail, Colo., my trip was cut short...very short. Well, when I needed them, Eastern was there to help me out. Especially Jim Borsik, who was wonderful. He got me there when I was ready and even upgraded me. What a guy! Actually, I think that Eastern is getting a bad rap because the trip out to L.A. was lovely, except for my seat mates.

Sitting next to me was a man that was wearing cowboy boots and a hard hat. Oh yes, and tattoos, tattoos that I think are iron-on transfers. He told me that he felt like a preacher because he was praying so much. I was praying that the other one wouldn't fall on me because if he wasn't black I would have thought that he was a sumo wrestler. He looked like a refrigerator with a head. Big? You betcha! sort of like a muscular Arnold Schwarzenegger. His outfit consisted of a blue world class championship wrestling tank-top and very large sweat pants. He inhaled the lunch, which I also found to be rather good. But, then again I'm like Will Rogers. I never met a meal that I didn't like.

Contrary to my last flight with El Al, I arrived with all of my luggage intact and headed over to pick up my Hertz rental car. Folks, sometimes I pray for a day of boredom. I wasn't in town three hours before I walked out of a business appointment to pick up my cute little Honda Hertz rental car and GONE! It had been stolen!

For the second time that

day I was at the police station. The first time was to report a loss from a previous trip of belongings which had been in storage. Twice in one day for a trip to the police station. Welcome to Los Angeles! I felt like something from that movie the "Out-Of-Towners."

However, two days later the police called to tell me that the car had been found. Supposedly two parking places from where I had reported it missing. No, of course I could not have misplaced it. In the meanwhile, Hertz had been nice enough to give me a new one and not charge me for the old one because I had charged it on my American Express card which carried the right kind of insurance.

Everything is so Jewish in

days. Later, he went on to star in many other things, among them a science-fiction television series called, "The Invaders." Today, he's better known as the spokesman for Bayer aspirin on television and the recent American Express commercial about China.

Anyhow, through a series of events, most of them devotional on my part, we met and had lunch. Although not Jewish, he told me he has three children and two ex-wives who are. Over a cup of matza ball soup he smiled and said, "For your Jewish readers, I never converted but belonged to two Temples that my family attended. In fact, my son was Bar Mitzvahed. The rabbi however did blanch a little when I introduced my son

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Los Angeles. Especially in the Beverly Hills and Encino areas. It is true what they say. Movie stars are everywhere. In one week I had a wonderful conversation with Anthony Quinn and was charmed by Steve Allen. I even did an interview lunch with an actor that for me was more than a pleasant memory. It was a trip down memory lane.

Several years ago when I was very pregnant, there was a show called, "The Long Hot Summer." It was sort of a prelude to "Dallas" and starred a young man named Roy Thinman. I would lie on the couch like a beached whale with my very expectant body and fantasize about Mr. Thinman with his rippling muscles. I remember that he wore a lot of tight jeans and no shirts in those

Christopher for his instruction. That happens a lot out here."

Today, I found my once youthful idol a little grayer but still very attractive, sensitive, still terribly sexy and very much engaged to a 26-year-old dancer. May she put him in traction! Once again I'm reminded that all the good ones are gay, married, dead or in this case unavailable. I think men are like a good garage sale. All the great bargains are gone before you get there.

Wherever I go there is a flash flood, hurricane or natural disaster. Thank heavens there wasn't an earthquake. But, it was so cold that snow was covering Southern California. It was a little weird. I saw Saint Bernards rescuing

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## TASTE of TRADITION

By Mildred L. Cover &  
Sylvia P. Gerson

Kosher food is more than chopped liver and chicken soup. In our *Kosher Creole* and *Kosher Cajun Cookbooks*, we have tried to set the record straight. We have dispelled the myth that kosher cooking is stereotyped. We have sought to expand the scope of the kosher kitchen and enhance the kosher lifestyle.

So with that in mind, we decided to try, in addition to Creole and Cajun cooking, another ethnic taste, one that is coming into its own. It is Tex-Mex and as mayvans (with tongue-in-cheek) we decided to give you Kosher Tex-Mex. If you like it and want more, perhaps we'll pursue it.

It is also spicy and sure to awaken those taste buds; and by adding a piquante sauce it really does the trick. Piquante sauce was created as a spicy, all-purpose seasoning. It really isn't a condiment; rather it's a zesty, lively sauce. It's great over grilled hot dogs and it also spices up hamburgers, chicken, fish and steak.

Those of you who are counting calories and who are eating lighter, healthier diets these days can use piquante sauce generously since this zesty full-flavored sauce only has six calories per tablespoon. It makes a low-calorie salad dressing and it adds a special flavor to bland food.

So let's start off with an appetizer. A favorite Tex-Mex snack for you or a crowd is this appetizer.

### Nachos

Tortilla chips  
Frijoles Refritos (optional)  
Shredded cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese  
Piquante sauce

Place tortilla chips on baking sheet; spoon about 1 teaspoon refritos on each, if desired. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350° for 7 to 9 minutes or until cheese is melted. Top each with piquante sauce and serve immediately.

An essential part of any Mexican meal is refried beans.

### Frijoles Refritos (refried beans)

1 pound dry pinto beans  
8 cups water  
2/3 cup piquante sauce  
1/4 cup finely chopped onion  
1 tablespoon salt (optional)  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1/4 cup butter or pareve margarine

Sort through beans and thoroughly wash and drain beans. Combine beans, water, 1/3 cup of the piquante sauce, onion, salt and garlic in Dutch oven. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover. Simmer 3 to 4 hours or until beans are tender and may be mashed easily, adding water as needed and stirring occasionally. Drain beans, reserving liquid. Return beans to Dutch oven or transfer to large bowl or electric mixer. Add butter and remaining 1/3 cup piquante sauce. Beat at low speed on electric mixer until beans are as smooth as you like, adding reserved cooking liquid a small amount at a time until desired consistency is reached. Add salt to taste. Makes about 4-1/2 cups beans, or about 8 servings.

When you can't barbecue outdoors, this oven or microwave recipe is tasty and so easy to make.

### Mexi-Cali Style Oven Barbecued Chicken

1 2-1/2 to 3 pound broiler-fryer chicken, cut up  
1 large green pepper, cut into 3/4" squares  
3/4 cup ketchup  
1/4 cup piquante sauce  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 tablespoon prepared horseradish  
1 tablespoon grated onion  
1 teaspoon celery salt  
1 teaspoon soy sauce

Place chicken and pepper in plastic bag. Combine remain-

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## Peck

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people with Oat Bran Brandy.

I usually like to stay at the Marriott in Marina Del Rey but it was just too cold out there. Instead, I came closer to where the action was and headed into the newly-renovated Hyatt on Sunset Blvd. It was the first, but it won't be the last time I choose them. The Hyatts are always lovely, but the staff at the Sunset Hyatt was exceptional. I've been told that I might be a lot of things but boring and forgettable aren't two of them.

## Krupnick

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Israel's political terminology, was forced "to consider certain conclusions" from this election which could be very far reaching. The first reaction was to blame any and all holding a responsible position. The Secretary of the Party, Uzi Baram who had resigned in protest over Labor joining a unity Government, and obviously the central figure in Party organization, immediately shifted the blame upon the head of the Party, Finance Minister Shimon Peres. The Finance Minister, not to be outdone, shot the blame right back at Baram. Peres promised that he would investigate and make every effort to correct what is found to be wrong in the Party. However, he would not brook the appointment of an investigating committee. Others blamed Labor's failure to run first grade candidates in the important cities, an admittance playing right into the hands of Likud which held that Labor is a "tired old Party with no new blood and no strength to deal with current problems."

They were incredible with remembering me and going out of their way to make me feel like a welcome guest. The restaurant at the Hyatt was great also but if you have a car and the time I recommend a wonderfully romantic little place in Malibu called Splash. Great food and you can watch the waves come toward you along with celebrities such as Johnny Carson, Streisand and Robert Redford. Closer in was a California type restaurant named Marks. It's located on La Cienega Blvd. where the

Meanwhile, those ambitious Laborites, lurking behind the curtains since the Labor failure in the national elections, now surfaced to challenge the leadership of Shimon Peres. Minister Moshe Shahal and Minister Gad Ya'acobi suddenly were making statements contrary to Government policy regarding meetings with the PLO, projecting themselves as the "peace candidates" — the alternative to "Likud dominated policy." Not far behind was General Motta Gur, ever anxious to replace Shimon Peres. Navon and Weizman remain perennial competition to Peres and the others. Silent but ready is Defence Minister Itzhak Rabin, whose approach is closer to Shamir than to Peres or to the "rebels." Shimon Peres is due for a tough struggle to hold his own. He weathered the storm after the loss of the national elections. Can he do it again? Time will tell — soon.

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manager David Fhima, a gorgeous Jewish immigrant from Morocco, is part owner and puts out one fabulous meal.

Speaking of immigrants, Los Angeles is a mecca of other cultures. I was told that there were one million Jews in the Los Angeles area and over 150,000 Israelis. I even went over to the Chabad house to see what of interest they were doing that I could report. They looked at me as though I had come from outer space. When I tried to find out what activities they were involved in at the moment, I was told "We've done pretty well without advertisements" and was told nothing. Funny, last year when they wanted publicity for their Telethon, they sought me out.

## TV critics

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tered on screen about the credulousness of the millions who shell out for their effusions — and then it is inevitably accompanied by a good word for faith in general. Holy hypocrisy." Goodman finally reached the conclusion that whatever scenarios are devised they "would merely reinforce the prevailing deference to religion, Christmas tree or Hanukkah candles."

In a final swipe at the position of Wakefield, Goodman has this to say:

"My hunch is that Mr. Wakefield will get his way, which could turn out to be an improvement over the seasonal obeisance that all channels pay to the religious around Christmas and Easter...And if religion is in, we can depend on those talented atheists to figure out means of purveying, in a mod manner, a buffered version, guaranteed not to irritate anybody's soul."

## Tradition

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ing ingredients, mix well. Pour into bag and fasten securely. Refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight, turning occasionally. Pour contents of bag into 12"x8" baking dish. Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until tender. Every now and then spoon sauce over chicken. Serve with rice if you like and additional piquante sauce. Makes 4 servings.

*Microwave oven directions:* Cover baking dish loosely with wax paper. Cook in microwave oven at high for 20 minutes or until tender, turning dish 1/4 turn and basting every 8 minutes.

*Kosher Klues:* Nachos can be prepared ahead of time, and before serving heat in microwave oven 30 to 45 seconds. Refried beans can also be made ahead and stored in refrigerator for days or in freezer for months.

## Social calendar

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"aliyah movement" and that should be a main component when "we make our decisions." In delivering greetings Seymour Reich, Conference of Presidents chairman, stated that "we have a right to disagree, but it is Israel that must decide what will be her borders and how her security will be guaranteed."

## Postmark Israel

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for the purpose of calming down the dictator, and making sure he does not embark on a military adventure.

The question being asked here is: Does he believe that he has now attained strategic parity with Israel, which would enable him to start a war, with expectations of victory? Does he have in mind a sudden strike, emulating Sadat's Yom Kippur attack, which in the first plunge would put his forces deep into northern Israel — and then enable him to withdraw, only holding on the Heights, the loss of which in 1967 has rankled deeply?

To what extent is Zahal's known strength serving as a deterrent? The fear is that Assad discounts Israel's military because of what he sees as widespread dissension in the country. Refusal of some soldiers to serve or to obey military orders, public demonstrations by Peace Now, defeatist statements by Israeli doves, all seem to undermine Israel's firm resolution, and give Assad the feeling that Israeli public morale will quickly crumble in the face of a shattering blow by his planes and tanks.

He relies on Israel's pacifists and compromisers and utopians to disrupt any united front against him, and give Syria a victory in the field. Widely publicized criticism of Israel by some American Jewish leaders has also given him the impression that American Jews will no longer support Israel.

We believe that Assad is misreading the signs, with possibly tragic results, but Israel's outspoken critics, at home and in America, are certainly strengthening his conviction that the time is approaching for him to act. — C.A.

## Attacking intermarriage

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nity has done to stem the inroads of intermarriage, it would then become obvious that neither our rabbis, or rabbinical organizations, our national organizations, our federations have faced up to the problem.

A national effort is called for, and while the blood-letting is to the point nationally where it is approaching fifty percent of marriage where a Jew is involved, the organized Jewish community if it is not twiddling its fingers, is not really getting down into the ditches and taking on the foe as it should.

So a united national effort with expert direction and the necessary funds and research is called for.

Fighting anti-Semitism, upholding the cause of Israel, are all worthy projects, but not all our efforts should be directed against making our way in the world. Internal issues, such as intermarriage, are just as important if not more so.

## MYSTERY PERSON

*Do you know who's who?*

The Mystery Person won the Distinguished Service Award of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The Mystery Person was an officer of the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

The Mystery Person was on the Advisory Committee of the Hornstein Program of Brandeis U.

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## Tikkun editor's self-righteousness

Dear editor,

Michael Lerner's ululation for "Who Speaks for American Jews," Feb. 24, op-ed page of the New York Times, is one of those vignettes which are studied with self-righteousness, but actually adumbrating the true proclivity for sanctimonious indignation. The gentleman is fuming! Simply stated, we all know that American Jewry is too diversified and pluralistic to ever succeed in subjecting itself to a consensus of opinion. The best one can do is find a way most agreeable to the majority as represented through its organizational leadership, however the method of election is left to be desired.

It has worked and the Jewish *voc populi* is fairly echoed through the present albeit imperfect representation. As a matter of fact, one can define it as: diversity within a given unity. We agree to certain rudimentary concepts in our support for Israel as a *sine qua non* in view of our historic experience. The fact remains that no matter how the whole world may dislike it, we have experientially and historically ventured to claim our position from the status of a nation and power predicated on sovereignty even though it may discomfort oversensitive fellow Jews who have a bad case of diasporic sycophancy. I am assured that they will fight you tooth and nail that it isn't so.

In all honesty, isn't it too pretentious, call it chutzpah, to assume that all other Jews are terribly insensitive, myopic, and peevishly submissive to an organized Jewish oligarchy which supposedly runs roughshod over almost six million Jews? Nonsense! Prof. Lerner needs real "Tikkun" (repair) to his one-sided, grand plan that pretends to have an exclusive claim on clairvoyance.

To sit in Oakland, ensconced in an editorial seat, and bleeding for the injustice inflicted upon the rowdy and intractable Arabs, dangerous and bloody political bacchanalianism, shows only little understanding of the intrinsic complex prob-

lem that he already intimidated to resolve with simplistic solutions.

To appeal to the Bush Administration to be wary of Jewish representations in behalf of Israel betrays his exacerbation with the fact that not much attention is paid to his grand proposals. No! I'll not call him "disloyal," nor will I give credence to his observation that young American Jews disparage the present organized Jewish community due to its conservative and materialistic leanings and therefore in protest do their own separate "thing." They do it because of many sundry reasons, and eventually they do rejoin the established community with a bit of their justified input.

Jews tended in the past to be liberal because of their sensitivity towards justice and fairness in general, and social justice in particular. This tendency is still in place.

The recent developments, such as the support for Jesse Jackson's social philosophy, exposed attitudes in the name of liberalism, much to the Jews' discomfort. Lerner may prefer to swallow the Jackson pill due to his liberal tradition, but Jews no longer can be taken for granted to follow ideals without the assurance that Jewish interests will be served, otherwise there is no reason for the Jews to embrace ideology that deceitfully has proven the opposite of its preaching.

I clearly detect that Prof. Lerner has not learned much from history. The liberal tradition with all its idealism has proven to be as reticent, if not silently cooperating, during the Holocaust period as everybody else. The socialist camp, to wit, is deserving of a failing grade on this score. As a survivor and student of this tragic chapter, one thing is sure, that Socialism and Liberalism which claim to be speaking against injustice, have proven inconsequential, if not betraying in time of supreme human tragedy. It's an open record.

Prof. Lerner should understand that Conservatism is not synonymous with regression. As a Jew, I am independent, not loyal to one aspect of ideology or another. I support those who best represent my interests

as an American and as a Zionist. As a religionist, I adhere to the Tradition of the ancient priestly establishment which historically assured traditions' continuity. As a social thinker, I follow the prophetic tradition. Jews always lived in an ideological symbiosis, and it's a pity to allow anyone to claim us.

In conclusion, it is totally out of character of a loyal Jew, for one, to argue that Shamir by implication is betraying the principles of justice, and denouncing the Jewish establishment in America because it does not advance Tikkun policies.

In spite of all the problems, Shamir is preferable to me over the Tikkun ideologies. He faces the insurrection, not Prof. Lerner. He bled for Israel's sovereignty, not Prof. Lerner. As to the Jewish establishment leadership, however my problem with the authority of their representation, they have been serving sincerely the cause of the Jewish community, and acting in the best spirit of Americanism. Rabbi Murray J. Kohn Vineland, N.J.

## Directory lists lesbian marriage

Dear editor,

I am old-fashioned, one of those who still believes that marriage is an understanding between a man and a woman, not between a man and a man or a woman and a woman.

Judaism, so I thought, is on my side in this.

This is an opinion which is obviously not shared by the editors of our Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Alumni Directory, because our female rabbinical colleague Stacy K. Offner of Saint Paul, Minn., is listed as "married to Nancy Abramson, June 1, 1987."

Who, I wonder, conducted this lesbian marriage *kedath moshe ve'yisrael*? The Jewish Post and Opinion had a feature story on Rabbi Stacy Offner and her troubles with her senior rabbi (June 22, 1988).

The word "married" has legal implications in our Jewish People understanding. It is also thus in United States federal and state

law. Neither the Jewish people nor United States law consider a perverted union between two women (or men) a marriage.

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## Anti-Semitism

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fears of American Jewry.

"Jews are most concerned about assimilation, and the threat of Jewish continuity and survival in the face of an open society," Tobin writes. "Anti-Semitism remains a concern, but a more distant one." This is true whether one is talking about Jewish community-relations professionals or the Jewish laity. A 1987 survey of community-relations professionals revealed that 34 percent believed Jewish education was the most important problem facing American Jews, 18 percent believed it was intermarriage, and only 10 percent believed it was anti-Semitism.

The lessening of anti-Semitism since World War II has enabled Jews to affirm their

alumni, members of our CCAR, will be protesting against this Alumni Directory entry.

(Name withheld)

Jewish identity without fear of reprisals. But it also has provided the opportunity for Jews to openly forsake Jewishness and assimilate into American culture. The fact that American Jews, despite their prosperity and influence, remain concerned about anti-Semitism is a measure of their needless insecurity. The fact that they are able to place this concern in the proper context is a measure of their sophistication. The contemporary significance of anti-Semitism for American Jewry lies not in its threatening presence but in how creative American Jewry will be in dealing with its relative absence.

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## Bloch

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tions.

The centrist Ohev Shalom also drifted into reform, reflecting a powerful 19th century trend based on the success of acculturation of second generation American Jews. This trend gained its initial impetus from the influx of German progressive Jews in the 1840s. Cultural, social and economic factors combined to give Reform the appearance of inevitability. The arrival of East European Jews in the 1880s and thereafter, mostly strictly traditional, infused new life in the waning Orthodox camp. However, they did not affect the overall trend toward Reform.

The phenomenal progress of Conservatism prior to World War II succeeded in slowing the dynamic strides of Reform. It also posed a challenge to the viability of Orthodoxy.

The influx of Holocaust refugees, particularly Hasidic Jews, transformed the religious scene. They established a vibrant extreme Orthodoxy and created a trend toward rigidity within the American Orthodox community. However, they did not lead to a disaffection in the non-Orthodox groups. Indeed, current religious movements no longer generate trends.

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## Yacht racers are banned by Israel for 5 years

TEL AVIV — The Torten brothers, Ran and Dan, who broke discipline and sailed their dinghy on Yom Kippur at the Olympics in Korea will be banned from competing for Israel for five years. This was the decision of the Israel Sports Federation commission on inquiry. The competition at Korea called for six days of races, with the results of the top five days counting. The Tortens claimed that they took their boat out on Yom Kippur only as a practice session, but the commission of inquiry refused to accept the excuse. The Israel Olympic Committee had banned the pair from continuing in the competitions and ordered them to return home.

Chairman Shaul Aloni of the inquiry commission had fought for a two-year ban, which would have allowed the team to compete in the 1992 Olympics, but he was outvoted. He contended that the pair suffered enough when they were banned from continuing to compete in Pusan.

## UN Lebanon troops sore point

UNITED NATIONS — Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar held a brief meeting here Friday, during which Perez was reported to have protested the Israel Defense Force's treatment of U.N. peacekeeping forces in southern Lebanon.

The two also discussed the peace process and the situation in the administered territories, but few details of the 25-minute meeting were available. Arens declined to speak to reporters as he left the secretary-general's office.

Norway has also complained about the IDF's treatment of its soldiers. Relations between the two forces, never amicable, worsened last month after the Norwegian commander likened certain Israeli actions in southern Lebanon to those of Nazis in

World War II.

Perez de Cuellar has been highly critical of Israel actions toward civilians in the administered territories. He told Arab foreign ministers meeting in Saudi Arabia that he had repeatedly called on Israel to abide by the Fourth Geneva Convention, which provides for the protection of civilians in wartime.

The secretary-general said there was a need for "urgent efforts" led by the U.N. Security Council to promote Middle East peace negotiations.

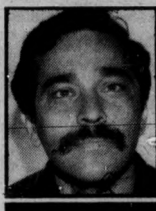
Israeli leaders have been cool toward U.N. involvement in a peace settlement for the same reasons they object to an international peace conference. But Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has not completely ruled out some form of U.N. participation.

## SPORTS scene

## Peregrinations of QB Perry Klein

By SHEL WALLMAN

Shortly after it was announced that blue chip QB Perry Klein had signed with the University of California at Berkeley, the Kleins made a



surprise announcement that surprised no one.

Yes, Perry who would rather transfer than win the Irish Sweepstakes, has done it again. In fact, he's come full cycle. Perry had attended Malibu Park JHS, a Santa Monica High School feeder school, where he was allowed to play frosh/soph football while a ninth grader in JHS. Surprisingly, when it came time to enter high school, Perry opted to attend Pacific Palisades H.S., where he led the team as a soph and junior. However, with the front line decimated by graduation, Perry took leave of Palisades and enrolled at powerhouse Carson H.S. for his senior year and led the club to a #1 state ranking.

Now comes word that Perry will transfer to Santa Monica H.S. for the spring semester in order to play volleyball, another sport in which he is quite proficient. The folks at Berkeley must be counting their blessings and crossing their fingers.

The Carson football coach commented, "It doesn't surprise me. He really didn't have a whole lot of friends here. I doubt if he was real happy. I feel sorry for him. It seems to me he really hasn't set anchor anywhere. What is this, his fourth school?"

In news of other signings, Greg Shaprio, the all-state LB'er from Chaparral H.S. in Las Vegas, NV, has signed with the University of Arizona. The 6'2, 220 LB'er was an USA-Today, All-America selection.

Andreas Gaynor of Wissahickon (PA) H.S. has signed with the University of Virginia. Injured for a good part of his senior year, Andreas

will be tested at DB and WR.

Josh Schwager, a 6'2, 285 OC from Houston, TX, and Allan Hancock, J.C., has signed with Cal State at Long Beach. His older brother, Charles, was an unsuccessful candidate for the 1985 U.S. Maccabiah basketball team.

Gary Gulman, a 6'5, 230 DT from Peabody, MA, has signed with Boston College after flirting with the U.S. Military Academy.

Eric Abramson, a 6'3, 210 QB/DB at Parsippany (N.J.) H.S., has signed with Lehigh University. Eric was a Coach's All-Morris County selection and was named Suburban Life All-Area.

Eric Green, a two-way lineman for George Washington H.S., was named All-Philadelphia and All-S.E. Pennsylvania and is looking at Ivy and Colonial League and Yankee Conference schools with the University of Pennsylvania the top bet.

Dave Goldman, a LB'er for Johns Hopkins University, made our 1987 Jewish All-American Football Team as a junior but was missing from our 1988 squad. We've now learned that Dave suffered a career-ending injury and worked as a LB'ing coach for the Blue Jays although still an undergraduate.

### The Pole Vault

Yevgeny Laykhtman, the Leningrad Jew who left Russia two years ago, vaulted 16'8 in the Husker Invitational at the University of Nebraska to finish #3 and set a school record for Manhattan College. A

week earlier, the 22-year-old freshman had vaulted 16'6 to win the Met Championships. To qualify for the NCAA's, Yevgeny would have needed to reach 17'3-3/4. "I'm not sure I'll do it," Yevgeny said, "but I will try." "He has the potential to be one of the best in the nation," said Al Bernardi, a Manhattan assistant coach and former collegiate pole vaulter.

### In hockey

Boston College senior goaltender, David Littman of Cranston, R.I., is edging closer to his dream of being voted the Hobey Baker Award as college hockey's player of the year. Littman, who has been drafted by the Buffalo Sabres, shut down the powerful Black Bears of the University of Maine in two recent victories for the Eagles and was named Hockey East's Player of the Week.

Littman had 69 saves in the two games won by scores of 6-2 and 6-3. He has been a consistent, cool goalie through a 20-6-4 Boston College season that has resulted in the Eagles fourth Hockey East title in the past five years.

### Tennis standings

Early in the pro tennis tour, Brad Gilbert is #5 among prize winners and climbing. Aaron Krickstein #13, Amnon Mansdorf of Israel #25 and Jim Grabb of Tucson, AZ, #46. Among the women, Elise Burgin is #30 and Ronni Reis is #44, while the unverified Donna Faber is #25.

### Modern Orthodox rabbis to confer

LONDON — The future of modern Orthodoxy will be the theme of a world symposium here May 18-21 of which the overall title is "Traditional Alternatives: Orthodoxy and the Future of the Jewish People." Participants will be the Chief

Rabbi, Lord Jakobovits, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, of Canada, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin and Rabbi Nachum Rabinovitch from Israel and Rabbi Norman Lamm of the United States.

### Hassidim project 'wrong' image

NEW YORK — The American Jewish Congress has charged New York's Royalton Hotel with refusing to serve Orthodox Jews in its lobby bar. Ex-hostess Gia Sereni said many Hassidic Jews came in to order Cokes and, according to hotel offi-

cials, did not spend enough and did not fit the image the hotel wanted to project. Owners Steve Rubell and Ian Schrager, former partners in the Studio 54 disco, denied the charges, which were filed with state and city human rights agencies.

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